

# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

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3/11/2020 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Abbey Bain, Melinda Anderson, Shelly Gill, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Elizabeth Jonson, Chancey Slider

Guest: Chelsea Cockburn

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#### **Chancellor's Updates:**

- Working on plans to fix the swimming pool heaters. An anonymous donor has offered \$3000 to help with the funding needed.
  - Soliciting faculty and staff leaders and participants for the upcoming Dragon Boat Races on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is one of the Alexandria Museum of Art's biggest fundraisers of the year and we are excited to take part in this event once again.
  - Excited to announce the new College of Business. Thanks to Dr. Rowan, Dr. Dupont, and the business department for all of their hard work and efforts in making this happen.
  - President Galligan will be the guest speaker at the North Rapides Business Industry Alliance meeting at Louisiana College on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - A memo regarding 2020 Census will be going out to students soon and we are highly encouraging participation.
  - Met with consultants last week regarding restructuring the President's office structure at LSU.
  - We are still working to be sure that we meet all of the requirements for the upcoming ADA compliance audit.
  - The Governor has mentioned that he sees value in the proposed Dining Dollars plan. Rick Brazzel, LSUA SGA President, will be coming with me to discuss the plan with the President in the near future.
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### Reports

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Chelsea Cockburn

- Showed the Cabinet samples of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary commencement stoles and discussed options for platform party and faculty stoles. The Cabinet asked Chelsea to order some special edition embroidered stoles that will be available for purchase in the bookstore at a date closer to commencement.

### Abbey Bain

- Continuously monitoring the Coronavirus situation and have been in constant contact with LSU.
- The Graduate School Fair is taking place in the ballroom today from 10:00am-2:00pm.
- Total U will take place this evening. Members of the FBI will be here to discuss human trafficking and prevention.
- The enrollment taskforce is working on another ACT prep night outreach program that will take place on Thursday.

### Melinda Anderson

- Working with Shelly on the Mulder Scholarships. Interviews will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> and a dinner will be held for all finalists at the Alexandria Museum of Art.
- LSUA will host a community couchon de lait on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We plan to have a band, bar, food, and games. This will be a ticket only event and will be kid-friendly. Invitations will be going out soon.
- Some members of campus will be attending the Women's Luncheon hosted by the city tomorrow. Many high school junior and senior young women leaders will be in attendance. Thanks to Shelly for preparing and donating LSUA gift bags for this event.
- Working on the Bizzy Awards with Liz Jonson.
- Going to the City of Alexandria Youth Center with Liz Jonson in the near future to look at the computer room and to plan a ribbon cutting press conference.
- CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini donated ten hospital beds and supplies for our nursing teaching lab and we plan to have a press conference and ribbon cutting in the near future to thank them.
- Working on preparations for the Employee Recognition Dinner.
- Donor meetings are ongoing.
- The Alexandria Rotary would like to sponsor \$1000 for the upcoming Multicultural Festival.

### Shelly Gill

- The application report is trending ahead and shows that applications for Fall are up by 18% for on campus students and admits are up 17.6% compared to this time last year.
- Working on the yield campaign to increase the yield of admitted students. We have added new curriculums within psychology, criminal justice, general studies to the application so that students can apply for health administration and pharmaceutical sales. Water bottles with our logo on it will be given out to all admitted students soon.
- Working on the Mulder Scholarship with Melinda Anderson.
- Working with Dr. Joiner to put together an Allied Health Saturday event that will be hosted at the downtown Allied Health Center on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm. The event will give students and potential students knowledge about what career opportunities the allied health field has to offer.
- Working with several local schools concerning dual enrollment enhancement and expansion. Hoping to add more classes to the schedule. We met with Peabody and Buckeye last week.

- Kaitlyn Nichols is currently attending a summit in Baton Rouge regarding the ACT changes regarding super scoring and the allowance of students to take specific tests instead of the entire test.
- The Board of Regents has passed new admissions regulations. We have not yet gotten notification of this, but we are waiting to get more information concerning implementation. The new regulations will allow us to admit 10% transfer exceptions instead of 8% and up to 200 out of state students.
- Working with several local schools concerning dual enrollment enhancement and expansion. Hoping to add more classes to the schedule. We met with Peabody and Buckeye last week.
- The enrollment management taskforce has proposed changes in the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. The changes suggested are as follows: a required GPA of 1.5 for students who have earned 1-29 hours, a required GPA of 1.75 for students with 30-59 hours, and a required GPA of 2.0 for students with 60 or more hours. Students must also earn 67% of all attempted hours and cannot attempt more than 150% of hours required for their current degree program. This change is in alignment with the U.S. Department of Education's federal regulations that govern Title IV aid, and also with several other colleges and universities. We believe that this will help in student retention, as many students fall between the current policy and the proposed policy lose their aid eligibility and will not re-enroll, fearing their appeal will not be approved, or do not want to go through the process of appealing, or sometimes are confused about the process and do not move forward. We are requesting that this policy be enacted Fall 2020 for all new students entering LSUA, and that continuing students be required to meet the standards by the end of Spring 2021. The Chancellor's Cabinet unanimously approved this policy change on March 11, 2020.

#### Chancey Slider

- Continuing planning for the Employee Recognition Dinner with Laura Fowler and Melinda Anderson.
- The commencement committee met last week to continue planning for the upcoming Spring 2020 commencement ceremony that will take place on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on setting a date for the Spring 2020 All Campus meeting.

#### Deron Thaxton

- Renewed the University Academy agreement. Their costs have been slightly lowered, but UA will no longer be able to use the facilities in Chambers Hall after the end of their school year in May. These areas will be utilized for the LSUA nursing program due to its expansion and growth in nursing students. Some areas in Chambers will be renovated this summer using Board of Regents funds to better accommodate the nursing program.
- Working to renovate the Clubhouse and several apartments at The Oaks. We are also making changes to housing contracts for students living at The Oaks in order to make the contracts more straightforward. We are putting items in place to enforce rates and fees. We are also working to put one bedroom apartments back online and reduce their pricing. Pricing for multi-bedroom bunking apartments will increase slightly. This effort is to

encourage students to utilize the one bedroom apartments which will increase revenue and decrease maintenance needs and damage in the multi-bedroom apartments.

- Contractors have been coming out to examine the Epps House. A contractor will be here today to give updates on repair recommendations and pricing which will help us to determine if the cost to repair is worth re-opening the Epps House.
- We are experiencing some turnover in Facility Services including the Director of the Plant position, but plan to fill these openings in the near future.
- We are going to utilize the **Cashnet** system that LSU recommends for all system universities. This system will now allow students to set up payment plans and make payments online. International students will be able to make payments directly from foreign bank accounts instead of having to set up a bank account here in the U.S. This program should be online and running by the upcoming Summer and Fall semesters.

#### Haywood Joiner

- Giving major attention to the Coronavirus in our health science programs. Allied Health faculty has had two meetings to discuss a plan of action in the event that there is a campus closure. We are prepared to go online with all of the lecture courses, but there are some clinical courses that we would have the students do an "I"-grade in the event that there is a closure. The population that is most vulnerable at this time are our long-term care administration majors, so we met with Pathways Management to review policies and to be sure that we will receive any emails and communications that the nursing homes receive regarding the Coronavirus in order to keep us abreast of policies and procedures. We have an Allied Health Infection Control Policy and each of our programs has an infection control policy based on the allied health policy. All students in allied health programs are mandated to sign a statement acknowledging that they have read the policy. Our program coordinators have contacted the laboratory managers at each hospital where our lab students are rotating. Our rad-tech program coordinator has contacted the supervisors of clinical sites where our rad-tech students rotate to make sure that we are aware of any changes to the hospitals' infection control policies. We are making sure that our students are aware of universal precautions and taking preventative measures. Our medical lab students will be handling the specimens and will possibly be involved in doing testing and shipping specimens to the CDC, so we are making sure that the students are fully aware of how to handle the specimens. I will keep you all abreast of any policy changes.

#### Elizabeth Jonson

- Attending a strategic communications meeting last week in Baton Rouge and learned that LSU Day at the Capitol will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> which is the same day as Central Louisiana Day at the Legislature. We are preparing content regarding accomplishments that boast LSUA to be presented at LSU Day as requested by the President's Office.

#### Adam Jonson

- Wrapped up the RRAC Conference Tournament on Saturday. The men will make the national tournament and the women may be accepted. Selection Night will be held tonight at Robbie G's and will be posted on social media.
- Baseball and softball home games will take place this weekend.

- Tank has been a hit on campus and doing a great job at our events. Currently working on a Google calendar to assist with scheduling events for Tank to attend.

John Rowan

- Congratulations to Nathan Sammons who has been the next Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. Chair of Biology.
- Leadership options in the Department of History and Political Science are still being reviewed.
- Getting positive feedback about faculty leadership positions and the addition of new faculty awards that will be presented at the upcoming Employee Recognition Dinner.
- Planning to schedule a conference call with LSU concerning the next steps for AP.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 25, at 1:00 PM

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