



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

6/16/2021 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, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Shelly Gill, Bob Austin, Laura Fowler

Guests: Melissa LaBorde, Nathaniel Parish, Kevin Vercher, Jerri Weston

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

- We had a great press conference to announce the LSUA Professional Aviation Program this week. There will be an open house at Million Air facility (AEX) on June 22<sup>nd</sup> that we highly encourage everyone to attend and we are doing promote social media. Shout out to Eamon for all of the hard work that he has done to get this exciting program off the ground.
- The LSU Board of Supervisors will be meeting on our campus this Friday and we will also have the long-awaited Drainage Project Groundbreaking that morning with the Governor and many legislators in attendance. The Governor will also be signing House Bill 410 regarding the aviation fee bill that was unanimously passed by the legislature. It will be a very exciting and memorable day for LSUA. Compliments to Strategic Communications, Facility Services, Chancey and Laura for planning and preparing for campus to host these events.
- We are looking forward to Coach Kim Mulkey being part of a GAA Seafood Boil fundraiser event on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The seafood is being provided by the Lieutenant Governor's Office via the Seafood Promotion Board. Thanks to Laura Fowler for helping to make this happen. Thanks to the foundation and GAA for all of their hard work and planning.
- Deron will give an update on Capital Outlay and the Campus Edge Project that is ongoing.
- Kyle Thorne and Bob Austin have done a fantastic job cleaning up the Fort. Our hope is to make the gym more user-friendly to our students, faculty and staff. The pool will be repaired in the near future and we have plans to continue making the facility more useful and accessible.
- We currently have about 37 applicants for the vacant Athletic Director position. The committee is working on narrowing down the list for Zoom and face-to-face interviews.
- We have several applicants for the upcoming Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Communications vacancy. Liz Beard is chairing a committee to work on selecting a candidate for the position.
- Working with John on developing a job description for a Career Development Director. This position will assist with student internship and workforce development opportunities.
- We are closely watching the weather due to the formation of a possible storm in the Gulf.
- The campus mask requirement has been lifted but all unvaccinated individuals are highly encouraged to wear masks. We e are still highly encouraging everyone to get vaccinated.

- The state is going to make Juneteenth an official holiday. There are no classes on campus this Friday. We are looking forward to celebrating Juneteenth on campus today at the celebration on the Quad.
- The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## Reports

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### **John Rowan**

- We had a great press conference for the aviation program recently and would like for everyone to help us spread the word about the open house next Tuesday at England Airpark. It will be a great opportunity for interested students and parties to learn more about the program.
- The Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science is on the Board of Regents agenda this morning.
- We are planning for normal operations in the fall with full capacity classrooms.
- Academic Affairs is in a transition period as we get ready for the academic restructuring changes. The Dean's Council has already begun planning for the coming year(s) including outreach initiatives. Office moves on the third floor of Mulder have begun.
- Chase and Nathan are helping with the development of a new organizational chart. We are also having some conversations about changing and updating the university website. Chase and Nathan may be sending out some surveys and requests for input as we look into changing things.
- The position for the Director of Career Development will be posted very soon. The Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Connie Cooper, will begin her position on July 1<sup>st</sup> and we are looking forward to having her on board.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- Update on House Bill One regarding state appropriations and operating budgets: Our allocations are currently up by \$820,000 from \$5 million last year to about \$5.8 million this year. \$384,000 is allocated for faculty raises and the remaining increase will be included in our funding formula. We have a meeting next week with the Board of Regents to discuss how we can have a more positive impact on the funding formula. We have the lowest portion of funding available for 4-year institutions along with the lowest enrollment, but we think that there are some things that we can do over the next few years to increase our fraction of funds.
- Update on House Bill Two regarding Capital Outlay: We have \$5 million priority funding for the Student Success Center and a \$1 million state general fund that must be spent this year. This will allow us to begin the project this year. We will have to go through architect and design selection. We hope to go out to bid by late fall or early spring.
- A reminder regarding expense reports went out campus wide yesterday. Please remind staff to read and review the information in order for us to wrap up the fiscal year.
- We are changing the organizational structure in Workday in tandem with the campus structure reorganization.

- We are having a preconstruction meeting for the drainage project on Monday and should know more information on phasing and timing. We will be sending out regular updates as the project gets moving.
- We are nearing the end of the Campus Edge market study. I had a meeting yesterday with Eric and Kim to discuss the demand for potential retail and housing. We will have a final report by the end of this month. We can then decide if we would like to move forward with an RFQ.

### **Eamon Halpin**

- We had a very successful aviation press conference on Monday and I am continuing to receive phone calls from perspective students and interested parties. I am scheduling meetings with these students with Sheri and Raja and we have had about three meetings so far and several more coming up. We are inviting all of these interested parties to the open house next week. Raja and I working on setting up a meeting with Cleo Wallace, VA education specialist, to discuss VA approval for the aviation program.
- Involved in faculty searches in kinesiology, education, and allied health. Some of the top candidates are being invited to campus. The kinesiology search has been put on hold until August with hopes of having someone in place for spring.
- Working with department chairs on completing annual program assessments that is a very important part of our SACSCOC interim report that we submitted last year.
- Hoping to publish the catalog by the end of next week
- Continuing to undergo Curriculog training with Jerri and Andrew.

### **Jerri Weston**

- A session ends on Friday. Frist session and summer one end on Sunday. Grades should be posted by Wednesday. Summer 2 and second session begin on Monday.
- COPE is going very smoothly. Thanks to everyone for assistance and support with the program.
- We will begin assigning fall classrooms on Friday and they will be set to fill 100% capacity.

### **Abbey Bain**

- We are excited to host a Juneteenth celebration on the Quad today at noon. We will have some speakers and lunch. We are glad that COPE will be participating in this event. We appreciate everyone's involvement and support, especially the Chancellor's Office for sponsoring the meal.
- Orientations will take place in person on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Move In day will be on the August 16<sup>th</sup> and will kick off our Weeks of Welcome for the fall.
- Enrollment is looking ahead for the fall and majority of the upward trend is online. We are down by about 2% on campus, but we are pretty steady with where we were this time last year regarding freshman enrollment. We currently have about 200 housing applications turned in compared to 100 around this time last year, so housing is doing well and we are about 50% full.
- We are staying engaged with students by email and social media to remind them of what needs to be taken care of before the semester begins.

- The Health Center costs will be updated starting July 1<sup>st</sup> and the memo has been sent to campus. A reminder memo will be sent out prior to the changes taking effect. We are excited to be able to expand our services and continue outreach.

### **Nathaniel Parish**

- The aviation press conference went extremely well and we are getting a lot of traction on social media. One post is approaching 4000 views on our Facebook. We are getting a lot of shares and engagement.
- Working on some ads and pushes for several initiatives.
- Getting ready for the Drainage Project Groundbreaking and Board of Supervisors meeting this Friday.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Working on plans for the reception at the downtown museum for the Board of Supervisors on Thursday evening.
- Working on plans for the Groundbreaking taking place on Friday.
- Working on some donor communications.
- Lawrence Searcy will be the leadership speaker for the upcoming Student Government Retreat.
- The Foundation will be sponsoring the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheons in July and August.
- Working with GAA on plans for the September event.

### **Shelly Gill**

- The application report has been steady.
- We are having a very busy summer and being invited to a lot of events. Very excited about the work that we are doing.
- Thank you to everyone who has attended or will be attending our recruiting retreats. We are excited about our new team members and the team that we have in place.
- Progressing with the CRM called Reach, formerly known as Engage. We are moving pretty quickly and anticipate everything to be in place by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Added the new concentrations to the applications this week so that incoming students can now apply for agribusiness, financial analysis, and information systems.
- Abbey and I are working on a summer Zoom series for parents and new students.
- Today is Trio day at A. We have COPE students, students from Natchitoches, and students from Sabine all on campus. We hope to expand this initiative next summer and invite even more students from different areas to come participate.

### **Bob Austin**

- Athletics is primarily focusing on recruiting right now.
- We are still in the process of searching for an athletic director as well as a head women's soccer coach. The committee will be meeting again soon to narrow down applicants.

- Having some basketball, baseball, and softball camps on campus this summer.
- Excited about the aviation program and it being a neat recruiting piece.

#### Melissa LaBorde

- The statewide Faculty Senate group and AAUP are planning to have individuals attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on Friday to publicly comment on requiring COVID-19 immunizations.
- Asked Deron for classroom technology updates and information when available.
- Asked about carpet replacement in Mulder in hopes that the project is completed before the semester begins. Deron mentioned that the claim is close to being finalized and we hope to have it completed before the fall semester begins. He added that if it looks like it will run into the beginning of the semester, they will try to delay until a better time so faculty won't be displaced at such a busy and important time.

#### Kevin Vercher

- The installation of the generator in the water yard should be completed by tomorrow.
- Keeping an eye on the weather and making sure that we are prepared.
- Very busy working on preparations for the groundbreaking and Board of Supervisor's visit on Friday.

#### Laura Fowler

- Working with Chancey on plans for the Board of Supervisors Reception taking place Thursday evening at the Alexandria Museum of Art. We are also working on plans for the Drainage Project Groundbreaking and the Board of Supervisor's meeting on Friday.
- Glad to help get Kim Mulkey to come to the GAA event on September 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great day for LSUA and is also Dr. Coreil's birthday.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

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