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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

09/08/2021 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Connie Cooper, Chad Gauthier, Shelly Gill, Missy LaBorde, Nathaniel Parish, Tyler Unsicker, Kevin Vercher, Chancey Slider

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Chancellor's Updates:

- Welcome to Tyler Unsicker! We are very glad to have him on board and on the Cabinet. We will be doing a press conference sometime in the near future after Shrimp Jam to introduce him to the community.
- Many are suffering in south Louisiana due to the impact of Hurricane Ida. Many members of our campus including coaches, athletes, the BCM and CSO have been and will continue to make trips to assist with clean up and support in affected areas as well as collecting donations. We currently have over 1000 individuals staying at the Mega Shelter and this has increased some of the foot traffic on and near our campus. Please be patient and flexible since many of them have lost their homes and are displaced right now. Some of the temporary residents there have offered to clean up litter along the campus and we appreciate their interest in supporting our campus. There is a drive that many churches, community organizations and members are able to donate to for the individuals currently housed at the Mega Shelter and we are encouraging everyone to please do so.
- COVID-19 vaccines are going to be required for students and employees beginning next semester. In order to register, students must have proof of vaccinations or they can opt out due to personal, medical or religious reasons. Employees may opt out for medical or religious reasons. We will be communicating these requirements and information to all members of campus in the near future.
- The Board of Supervisors is meeting on Friday and we have an item on the agenda - our new women's soccer coach, Harrison Houle's contract is up for approval by the Board.
- The Foundation Executive Director job description has been approved by LSUA and the Foundation Board. We are now having discussions regarding how we plan to appoint a joint search committee as well as market and advertise for the position sometime within the next few weeks. Melinda Anderson will continue to serve as Foundation Executive Director while she continues to transition into the position of Chief of Staff in the Chancellor's office.
- We will be electing two new members to the Cabinet from the faculty. They have to be tenured faculty members. John is working with the Faculty Senate to receive nominations for the election of the two new members. Once appointed, we will have three faculty representatives

on the Cabinet including Missy (faculty senate president) and we hope to have them on Cabinet sometime next month.

- We have two finalist candidates that are interviewing for the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor of Strategic Communications. Thanks to Liz Beard and the committee for doing a great job with the search process so far.
- We had a great cookout on the Quad during the Weeks of Welcome. There was a great turn out and we are planning on having a similar event soon to bring our campus together again.
- We are very excited about the Shrimp Jam taking place tomorrow night and look forward to having Coach Kim Mulkey as our speaker. We hope that everyone will come out to show their support and have a great time. Masks will be required for this event and some disposable masks will be made available.
- The next cabinet meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 22nd at 10 a.m.

Reports

John Rowan

- Thanks to everyone for outreach and concern for Mona after losing her husband last week. She will be back in office soon. We appreciate your patience and flexibility at this time.
- Starting the promotion and tenure season. We have a University Promotions Committee decided and individuals have until tomorrow to submit materials for promotion.
- Continuing Education, now housed in the College of Business, is doing very well. They are continuing with the very successful Leadership Cenla program. The paralegal program begins tomorrow and they have a very large group signed up.
- Looking at on-campus students who are only taking online courses. In order to maintain a vibrant campus, we need as many students possible taking classes on campus. We are looking at how we can improve numbers as we work to achieve goals in our strategic plan.
- Dr. Gerard Dumancas will be leaving LSU for a position with another institution. We are sad to see him go and will miss him, but we wish him the best of luck with his new venture.
- I have sent out some information for any faculty or staff members who may be interested in taking over the Director of the Honor's Experience Program.

Eamon Halpin

- Last week, I submitted the referral report that was due to SACSCOC. I addressed some minor items that they identified after we submitted our interim report. I have also been working with a small committee on the assessment of our general education learning outcomes. This is another step that needs to be taken in preparation for our 2025 reaffirmation. Back in 2020, I resurrected our annual survey of students and administered it. A lot of the feedback received was extremely useful for the preparation of our interim report. I would like to administer it again this fall, but I would like a few people from this group to take a look at it and submit some feedback before sending it out.
- Working to reconvene the SPERO Committee since the summer break in hopes of preparing for the Fall 2022 launch.
- The CLCF Community Impact Award grant opportunity of up to \$50,000 is still out and we expect to hear something very soon.

- Jerri and I completed out Curriculog training and we will begin implementation soon.

Abbey Bain

- We are recognizing suicide awareness and prevention this week. We have been sending information out to students, having lunch-and-learns, and have a presentation of flags near at the Quad to symbolize the number of lives lost each day.
- The intramurals flyers went out last week and we will be doing monthly programs.
- Our Black Girl Magic Sisters Like Me program has over 60 students registered to participate. Thanks to Connie for securing some keynote and community mentors.
- TankFest will be taking place on the Quad on September 23rd. We will have food trucks and bands. It will be a great opportunity for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to come enjoy our campus and have fun together.
- Our Student Government inauguration took place yesterday. Our new officers are now in office and SG will have weekly meetings every Monday at 4:00pm in Live Oaks.
- Shelly and I will be meeting soon to plan for an enrollment retreat that we hope to have in late September or early October.
- Enrollment is up by about 7.8% mostly due to online and dual enrollment. Census Day has been moved back.

Deron Thaxton

- Working with students on payment plans. We are being flexible with those who were impacted by Hurricane Ida.
- Census Day has been pushed back to next week and enrollment is currently up by 7.8%. I project that we will be between 6-7% after Census Day.
- Salary increase letters will be going out by the end of this week. The raises have gone into effect and can be viewed in Workday.
- The Drainage Project is going as planned and there are no major issues at this time. They are continuing to move west on Middleton Drive and will be close to Mulder Hall very soon.

Melinda Anderson

- Our entire office along with Haylee and Ethan are working on the Shrimp Jam set up. We will be selling tickets online through noon today and we are almost at capacity. We hope to clear near \$48,000 for GAA. We appreciate the partnerships with the city of Alexandria, Louisiana Seafood Office and the Lt. Governor's Office for their contributions and support. Shout out to our Media Team, Facility Services, Lynne, Shere', and Chad for all of their hard work to make this event possible. Also special thanks to Laura Fowler for helping to secure our speaker, Coach Kim Mulkey. We are looking forward to a fantastic night!
- Our annual audit has begun and will go on probably until the end of October. Thanks to Lynne for working hard on this.

Tyler Unsicker

- I have been extremely welcomed by many of you and members of campus. I greatly appreciate it and feel very grateful and fortunate to be here.
- Very excited to be part of the Shrimp Jam event that will raise a lot of funds for GAA. Thanks to Melinda and everyone who has worked hard to make it happen.
- The Student Athlete Orientation will take place tonight. We are looking forward to meeting with our athletes and letting them know about all of the resources and areas of support available to them on our campus. Thank you to all who plan to be in attendance.
- Men and Women's Soccer is in full force and we had some home games this weekend.

Shelly Gill

- Fall and Summer 2022 applications are live. We hope that they new Reach application goes live tomorrow. We have a consultant on campus this week and look forward to working with them.
- Reminder: Starting in Spring 2022, we will be going back to pre-COVID-19 pandemic admission requirements. We will no longer be test-optional and will have fewer exceptions to offer to in state students.
- Abbey and I spoke with the coaches of Career Compass last week who meet with students in the high schools. It was a great meeting and we provided our quick set video of eplora.lsu.edu for them to show to all of the local students.
- Fall 2022 recruitment is underway. Caleb is currently up north doing some recruiting. Unfortunately, recruiting in southern Louisiana is going to be tough. We were schedule to recruit in southeastern Louisiana, but had to cancel due to Hurricane Ida aftermath and have had some other cancellations due to COVID-19. We are looking into rescheduling for possibly late November.
- Dual enrollment coordinator interviews are next week and we have some good candidates.
- Asked if we should push out information that Wi-Fi is still available in our parking lot due to many schools transitioning to schedules for some school days to be online during the week. Dr. Coreil said that is a good idea and Deron is confirming that it is still active.

Connie Cooper

- Welcome Tyler Unsicker! We are happy to have you on campus and look forward to working with you and working together to support out student athletes.
- The Diversity Advisory Council is now the DEI Leadership Team. I finalized a candidate list and the next steps are to get commitments and approval. The goal is to have an orientation meeting this month and the begin launching monthly meetings in early October. The LSU System DEI Leadership Team is still scheduled to meet here on our campus on October 16th.
- Daniel Manuel and I worked with some of the LGBTQ+ students on our campus to charter a new LGBTQ+ student organization. It went very well and the group has been named SAGA. It is going through processing with DOESE right now.
- The OODEI partnered with Dr. Catherine Cormier on a title and match for a Rapides Foundation Grant in hopes to provide some lunch-and-learns, trainings, etc. for nursing faculty, staff and students.

- The OODEI is also helping to raise funds to support a student who needs financial assistance for books.

Nathan Parish

- Working to have everything ready for Shrimp Jam tomorrow. We will have a big team there for media coverage including our media team and some local news coverage.
- Chase is working on the Quarterly Report.
- Working on video editing for some sets to go on explore.lsu.edu and the main website.
- Getting ready to do a push for TankFest and planning to get a lot of coverage at the event.

Chad Gauthier

- Welcome Tyler! I look forward to working with you and am happy to help you out in any way that I can.
- Our next vaccine clinic is scheduled for the September 14th from 8:30am-12:30pm.
- Our vaccine incentive program has had two winners so far and we will continue to announce one each Friday. It has been a great experience so far. Thanks to Nathan for getting some highlights of the winners.
- As of yesterday, Rapides Regional Medical Center has 63 patients hospitalized due to COVID-19 and 57 of those are unvaccinated. It looks like we are having a decrease in cases and hospitalizations across the state for all age groups for the first time in several weeks.
- We avoided Hurricane Ida and the gulf is fairly quiet right now, but hurricane season is not over and we must continue to keep an eye on things.

Missy LaBorde

- After talking to Deron, I reassured many faculty members that the raise letters are in the mail and that they can check Workday for updated salary information.
- The faculty is overwhelming in support of the vaccine mandate for employees. All departments were in favor except two that were evenly split.
- Had a retreat yesterday for the Faculty Senate Senators. We are looking at some possible meeting adjustments and will have some discussions soon.
- “Pats on the Back” is a way for members of campus to mention positive things taking place on campus and give shout outs. Ethan Lipsey was recognized for doing such a great job on orientation and Haylee Malone was recognized for a great job on the Weeks of Welcome.
- Welcome to Tyler! Please let us know if there is anything that you need or that the faculty can do to support athletics and our student athletes.
- We have three nominations and one volunteer to go on the ballot for the election of two faculty representatives to be appointed to the Chancellor’s Cabinet.

Chancey Slider

- Welcome to Tyler! We are so glad to have you on campus and on the Cabinet. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist you or athletics.
- As of now, I do not have any substantial updates for the Cabinet.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider.

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