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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

3/17/2022 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Jennifer Parish, Melissa Parks, Shelly Gill, Connie Cooper, Kevin Vercher, Missy Laborde, Laura Fowler

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Dr. Coreil

- We are very fortunate to have a comprehensive drainage project investment at LSUA and see the improvements we are making that will go a long way towards modernize our campus.
- SPERO has made many connections on social media and has garnered much support from the whole community. Thank you to Dr. Eamon Halpin for his work on the SPERO program.
- We are glad to welcome Chief Don Collins back to campus.
- We have had two tragedies in our athletic conference this season. The first was at Our Lady of the Lake University where a sports announcer tragically died due to a fall during a basketball game. Secondly, the coach and six members of the University of the Southwest men's and women's golf teams were killed, and two critically injured, in a tragic traffic accident in west Texas. It is a sad time for the Red River Conference; LSUA offers our heartfelt condolences, prayers and support and will make a contribution in the near future.
- The marketing on social media for LSUA's Nursing program, Aviation program, and student recruitment is getting a lot of presence.
- The Ways and Means Committee reviews and approves state capital outlay projects such as our LSUA Student Success Center. Our project does have private funding so it is a public/private partnership. The state legislature has been asked for an additional \$2.9 million needed for the Student Success Center due to rising construction costs. This is on top of the \$5 million in state match we have already received approval for. The Chair of the Committee, Rep. Stuart Bishop, called a meeting for Tuesday, March 22, where the LSU System will present all capital outlay projects including funding for our Student Success Center. We are feeling positive about getting the additional funds approved for project and getting the entire state funding allocation moved to Priority 2 so we can possibly start

construction this fall. We hope to begin this project as soon as the drainage project is completed.

- The high school visit at Avoyelles Public Charter School was well done and we had prime time with juniors and seniors. The Dean of Students was very complimentary and hospitable. On April 12th, I will speak at the awards ceremony at Tioga High School. Tomorrow, March 18th, I am having lunch with the Principal of Peabody Magnet High School to ask him to allow us to come speak to students at Peabody Magnet High School .
- LSU President Bill Tate is pushing for the Scholarship First initiative, concentrating on 5 key areas (Agriculture, Biotechnology [National Cancer Institute designation for LSU medical schools], Coastal Restoration, Cyber Defense, and Energy). Workforce development – a key role of a teaching institution like LSUA - is built in throughout this initiative, so we will be part of addressing these priorities for the future but more on in workforce development area.
- Regarding the Foundation President applicant search, we have partnered with CLECO to use their contracted search firm, which has produced a couple of high-quality applicants. We hope to be bringing the top new applicants in for an on-campus interview soon.
- We will keep you posted on Ways and Means Committee meeting on Tuesday. There will be quite a few bills that we need to monitor that could have an impact on higher education. Deron is looking at all of the introduced bills and keeping up with what impacts they may have on LSUA; LSU has lobbyists that monitor legislation that affects LSU as well.

Dr. John Rowan

- There are 3 finalists for the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Holistic Education and Career Development position as well as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engaged Teaching and Learning. Announcements about campus presentations will be coming soon.
- We had a good day last Thursday for the Endowed Professorship presentations. Thanks to Melinda Anderson for her help, and to two of our LSUA Foundation board members for joining the committee. It was a great day of quality ideas.
- Employee Recognition Dinner is March 29th. We are finding that there are supply chain issues for medals and plaques for awards, which could mean that we may not have those available at the Employee Recognition Dinner. However, we will have certificates ready.
- We have started the process for reaccreditation from SACSCOC; please respond promptly to any requests for information.
- Some of us are on search committees for LSU positions. Dr. Coreil serves on the search committee for LSU Provost Executive Vice President (currently held by Matt Lee). Dr. Rowan serves on the search committee for Vice President for Online and Continuing Education (previously held by Sasha Thackaberry). We are both involved in reviewing applications and narrowing down the first round of those.
- The Class Measures evaluation team and the Department of Education did a great job at our recent evaluation of the education department. I am very proud of the work they did and the summary report that came back.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- The Health Center is now able to offer in-house lab work. Michelle Rozas sent an email with more details but we appreciate Facility Services for their work to get us ready to be compliant with the requirements to house a lab on campus.
- Caleb Funderburk is offering group fitness classes to departments as a way to encourage health but also build comradery and team building within your department. If interested, please email him.
- The updated Title IX training should be available in about 2 weeks (hopefully less), please remember this will be due by September each year and required by Louisiana Law as well as LSU/LSUA policy. Daniel Manuel will send more information soon.
- I want to shout out a senior, Tori East, who is helping to coordinate a recruitment event with 8 students from Bunkie High School to come and shadow a current LSUA student for a day in April. They'll also receive information from admissions and financial aid.
- Advising Period is ongoing. We will begin working with new admits for summer and fall 2022 April 4th once registration is open for new students.
- The Crawfish Boil with band is April 7th at 5:00. Please make sure to purchase tickets ahead of time so we know how much crawfish. Tickets won't be available on the day of the event.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- The House bill that includes the request for federal funding for the SPERO program was approved for \$120,000, thanks to the support of Julia Letlow. Applications from perspective students are now being accepted. The response on social media has yielded 3500 reaches, around 550 engagements, and the post was shared 27 times. It indicates the great need for these services. John and I are meeting this morning with BCBS of LA Foundation who contributed a \$126,000 grant.
- I am working with Chancey Slider and Nina Cox on some grants from the US Department of Education and the State Dept of Education for funding travel abroad opportunities for faculty and students.
- Working with Dr. Dupont on an MOU with Northshore Technical Community College. These MOUs will involve the new degree, the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree and will allow all credits students earn in their associates degree to be transferred to LSUA.
- The St. Patrick's Day concert with Danny O'Flaherty is 6:00 next Tuesday, March 22, at the Alexandria Museum of Art. Tickets are free for students and \$20 for community members.

Deron Thaxton

- Drainage Update: The plan is to start paving roads next week starting on east side of campus near the Ag Center, working their way across campus. The streets around the Quad (Grady Britt, Middleton, a portion of Tom Bowman, and portions of the streets that tie into that) are being paved as a part of the project, but we are checking on prices for paving all roads out to

Hwy 3170 and Gregg Marshall and Acorn Drive. The area in front of Mulder for handicapped parking is part of the drainage project. There is still ongoing work being done to shift water to other drains to remove water from these areas.

- The first on-site work is being done; core samples for the foundation of Student Success Center are being taken this week. We will be spending a million dollars that was allocated for this year's funds. The cost of construction increased by \$2.9 million. However, all indications are that we will receive the additional funding this legislative session. We will plan for groundbreaking in the fall. At this point, we are working through furnishings lists. At this time, we will need 266 chairs and approximately 50 desks. These have been allocated in the budget for furnishings and equipment, among other needed items. It will still be a year to 18 months before we purchase any of that.
- Dates for the fiscal year-end closeout will be sent out Monday of next week. Review those in your areas as we get close to the end of FY 2022.
- Please remind colleagues that when ordering items and services, we must submit requisition orders first in order for it to be approved. Once approved, you will be issued a purchase order. The reason is that when we pull reports of where we stand financially, we need the expenditures to be accurate. Also, items or services are sometimes ordered from an invalid supplier before an approval.
- The Workday Project is moving forward. LSU just put together an Executive Oversight Committee that has representation from each of the LSU institutions. I will be serving on the committee to represent LSUA. Implementation will move from IET to admissions and financial aid, then advising and accounting, etc. It will take 18-24 months to fully implement the new student data system.

Melinda Anderson

- Last week Dr. Coreil and I, along with many Foundation board members, attended a reception for House Speaker Clay Schexnayder where he referenced our Student Success Center.
- We are in the process of planning a presentation to acknowledge the support of Julia Letlow in obtaining the additional funding for SPERO.
- Endowed Professorship Presentations last week were remarkable; congratulations to all the applicants.
- I am working with Tyler Unsicker on some GAA fundraisers.
- Working on the Employee Recognition Dinner committee.
- Wally Fall's grandfather's tree will be planted today in front of the Fitness Center. We will have ribbon cutting celebration in May.
- Annie Collins, Glass Act Recycling, would like to work with us for service projects in the near future.
- I am meeting with Avoyelles Parish Tourist Commission and the Alexandria Tourist Commission soon to secure a sustainable plan of action for the Epps House.

- Submitted a Board of Regents Endowed Professorship and all final paperwork will be completed this week which will allow us to be considered for another Endowed Professorship.
- Working with the City of Alexandria on a few initiatives.
- Also working with STEAM NOLA who has a DOD Grant for STEM activities in different areas of the state. STEM Cenla will be on May 21 on LSUA campus. We will have 150 students on campus in the Ballroom.
- Continuing to work on the Healthcare Workforce Development Summit
- Cenla Day at the Legislature will be on April 13th
- Cenla Giving Day in collaboration with Central Louisiana Community Foundations is on May 3rd, 2022. More information is coming soon.
- Working with Adam Lord to create a timeline and a proposal to acknowledge the Alexandria Business Foundation contribution. Possibilities include a Hall of Distinction in Chambers to celebrate the college of Business.
- We are looking at naming opportunities for the Student Success Center. Many rooms in the Student Success Center have the opportunity to be named by existing donors to the FIERCE campaign. We are still in discussions with the Martin family about naming the Student Success Center.

Adam Lord

- We are finding ways to connect with our Dual Enrollment teachers in area high schools. I have reached out to counselors and I am trying to find a way to get LSUA in front of these students.
- Strat Comms is working hard at creating content for TV and video ads and social media pages. Also, we are getting close to completing a set of videos for our explore.lsua.edu page.
- As a result of our marketing agreement *with The Advocate*, they have provided tools to help us reach very specific audiences. Our team, Admissions, and *The Advocate* are making strides in reaching prospective students and families and receiving very specific feedback.
- My graduate work is in European History, specifically Ukrainian History. I spoke on the radio about it last week. I will present some of my research at Alexandria Rotary on April 19th. I welcome opportunities for our faculty and staff to share their expertise with the community.

Tyler Unsicker

- University of Southwest golf teams were returning home on Tuesday, March 15th and were involved in a tragic crash, killing 6 students and a coach. Two students are currently in critical condition. We are hosting their softball team tomorrow. Coach Burch met with the team and asked how they wanted to handle it. So, we will have a moment of silence, a student led prayer, and a student will sing the National Anthem. The girls will also wear hair bows with USW colors to commemorate this tragic event and to show our support of USW. They will play a doubleheader at 12:00 and 2:00 tomorrow.

- GAA Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 29th at 1:00 at Links on the Bayou. We already have 7-8 teams signed up; we would like to have around 20- 24 teams. We will be getting more information out to everyone on campus.
- The LSUA Tennis team is competing in California during their Spring Break. They are now ranked 4th in the nation.
- LSUA Baseball and Softball teams are playing at home tomorrow, and LSUA Baseball plays at home on Saturday.

Chad Gauthier

- Not Present

Kevin Vercher

- The black fabric over the drains is to keep water and silt from going down the drain. Also, once the drainage project is completed all water will be diverted to the canal by the Ag Center. However, there are trees growing in the canal and we are working on getting that taken care of. The Army National Guard came out and started a survey.
- We have several roof projects going on. We have a new roof over the Ballroom, and we are putting a roof over the bookstore as well. The west wing project is kicking off. Finally, the library is the biggest roofing project we currently have but supply chain disruptions are delaying it indefinitely.
- We are trying to keep campus as clean as possible in the midst of the construction.

Melissa Parks

- The Class Measures evaluation of the Education Department is now complete. We met virtually with the evaluation team last week and overall did very well. We have a few small items to address for continuous improvement. The Class Measures evaluation occurs every two years.
- Our new Professor in Kinesiology, Dr. Doyeup Kim, arrived in early March. He will be an asset to the Education department and the Kinesiology department.

Shelly Gill

- Joshua Perrodin, our new Director of Admissions and Recruiting, will start on April 12th. Candace Hamilton will be promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions Operations and Special Projects. The transfer coordinator position will not be filled. The work will be taken on by the recruiters representing LSUA at transfer fairs. Candace will be helping with our CRM, other technology, and special programs.
- Megan Ducote's last day as Dual Enrollment Coordinator is Friday. We are interviewing applicants today and tomorrow. It is crucial for this position to be filled immediately. Dual Enrollment registration begins April 11th.
- The Application report shows an increase of 7% for Fall 2022. I am not sure if we will see an increase for summer applications due to lack of financial aid and other economic factors.

- We are currently working on mailouts for yield (newly admitted students) to keep them engaged with LSUA.
- We had the first high school visit this Monday. Chancellor Coreil spoke to juniors and seniors at Avoyelles Public Charter School. It was well received. Thanks to Adam, Melinda, Tyler, and all those who participated. We will go next Monday to Alexandria Senior High.
- Next Friday, March 25th is Rock your Future in downtown Alexandria. We will set up at 4:00 p.m. LSUA, LCU, CLTCC and NSU will be in attendance. We will have a tent and the inflatable chair. Please wear your purple and gold and come out and support LSUA!
- The Board of Regents meeting will be next week. They will take up a new placement policy for gateway math and English courses. They want to eliminate all remedials. Instead, students will be placed in a corequisite English or math class. We can use high school GPA for placement, rather than just ACT scores. We can also use End of Courses scores and LEAP 2025 scores as well. This will be effective Fall 2023. Additionally, the Board of Regents is taking up the Prior Learning Assessment Credit policy, effective immediately upon approval. They will require us to accept CLEP, JumpStart, ACE, AP, portfolios, etc. as transfer credit. Per Dr. Halpin and Dr. Rowan, LSUA developed a policy last year that addresses this issue, but we will review the policy to ensure it is inclusive of all the requirements.
- Board of Regents established a Dual Enrollment Task Force because of the Fast Forward initiative in the state. They want all students who enter 9th grade this year to graduate with an Associate's Degree or some type of advanced credential.

Missy Laborde

- Area in front of Mulder for Handicapped parking is continuing to flood.
- Shout out to Tori East and the experiential learning we are doing at LSUA! Tori East is doing a special project for one of her classes. It has been great to see Tori grow during her time here at LSUA.
- Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 is being considered to establish a taskforce on tenure. The faculty senates across the state are talking about and monitoring this legislation. They seem to get upset about post tenure review. All of our faculty, tenured and non-tenured, has a faculty plan, follow up, and evaluation. Christoph Stumpf is our representative to the Council of Faculty Advisors with the Board of Supervisors and is providing regular updates.
- Inquired about naming opportunities for those who donate less than \$100,000 for the Student Success Center. Per Melinda, there will be naming opportunities for those donors. One idea that has been discussed is to offer opportunities to buy bricks for a walkway border.
- PRAL awarded our LSUA 5 Star PR students for work that we did for the international student digital media. I also won an award for our Student Mini-Con held last fall. Dean Beard attended the awards luncheon with me along with two of our 5 Star PR students. The pictures and information have been forwarded to Chase in Strat Comm.

Jennifer Innerarity

- Not Present

Don Collins

- Thank you for all the prayers and support.
- We have had a couple of incidents that we are working on right now with the Sheriff's Office. We will get those cleared up shortly.

Connie Cooper

- Diversity 101 will be in Mulder 147 on Tuesday, March 29th. Those who attended this training in the fall do not have to attend again; it will count as the 2022 training. We will have another Diversity 101 workshop (same material) on June 7th for those who have not been able to attend. Location to be announced.
- DEI leadership team is finalizing a women's history exhibit in Mulder Hall display case highlighting a very diverse group of women, including one of our own. We hope to have it up from March 21st through March 31st. Thanks to Daniel Manual as well as Kevin and the Facility Services team.
- I am currently working on a Diversity Advocacy Program to improve our hiring processes. DEILT will be training a team to recognize bias and ensure that our searches are inclusive and ethical. We will have a trained team member on each of those searches.

Jennifer Parish

- No update

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Parish.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. .
