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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

3/02/2022 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, Chad Gauthier, Jennifer Parish, Jennifer Innerarity, 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 still going through the evolution of LSUA from a junior college to a four-year university. We must continue to adjust to becoming a more mature four-year university. We want enrollment to be at 5000 by 2025. We need to keep an open mind and celebrate our successes. We are one of 3 Louisiana institutions to have increased enrollment. For the last 6 semesters in a row, we have had record enrollment. It is all part of the continued growth and maturity of the institution.
- The Health Care Summit addressing the nursing shortage has brought a lot of good responses from partners that want to help us increase nursing student enrollment and graduates. We will keep you up to date on action items that we will be addressing. Dr. Rowan, Dr. Cormier, Melinda and I will be visiting these partners and continuing our planning for increasing enrollment and graduates.
- I will be attending the Senate Finance Committee which will meet in Baton Rouge on March 8th. This is when the higher education budget will officially be presented to the Senate. There will not be a definitive answer to whether merit increases will be approved until the session ends, and the governor signs the budget bill. They do have money available this year to fund the raises, which has happened only 2-3 times in the last 15 years. So, we are indeed encouraged.
- The Board of Supervisors meets this Thursday, March 3rd and Friday, March 4th. They will discuss budget and capital outlay projects for LSU.
- The contributions we have recently received and the funds we have raised demonstrate unprecedented support from the community. It is a tribute to this university and the support that we have thanks to Melinda and the Foundation Board. They are working hard behind the scenes to see that we get funding for the Student Success Center. Please thank them for their support if you have the opportunity.

- United Airlines is suspending service from Houston due to lack of pilots. This is a signal that what we are doing in Aviation is much needed for workforce development in the region. Sandra McQuain said she is thankful for our Aviation program because it is the only answer to keeping airlines in our community. This is another example of a partnership that is critical to economic development across the region.
- Be sure to read the most recent Safety Newsletter distributed by the office of Safety & Risk Management. Also, Chad will be working with Chief Collins soon on active shooter training we will be doing on campus. Chief Don Collins will return to work on Monday...we are so happy that he will be back on campus.
- For afterhours activities on campus, please contact the University Police Department and Facilities Services to ensure that events appropriately covered and go smoothly.
- The Red River Athletic Conference tournament broadcasts were well done and are a tribute to the professional capabilities of our Strat Comms and student media teams. The state of the art media broadcast trailer sat idle for several years, but it is now being put to good use. It was a \$70,000 investment for livestreaming and mobile broadcasting that has added great livestreaming broadcast capability to athletics and other university events. We would like to have 100% compliance from full-time faculty and staff in completing our state and campus-based required trainings. As a reminder, if you were not in compliance at the end of last year you will not be eligible for merit increases. Employee training is a requirement for employment and compliance is not an option.
- Tyler and his LSUA Athletic Department team did a fantastic job hosting the Red River Athletic Conference basketball tournament. LSUA pride shined through for the community and for all RRAC teams and fans visiting the Alexandria area for the tournament. Congratulations on a great tournament!

Dr. John Rowan

- LSU is doing some systemwide strategic planning. Dr. Rowan is the Alexandria contact for that effort. You may get communication requesting information or feedback. We appreciate your participation and response.
- We need campus-wide support for all SACSCOC initiatives.
- SLT met with Dr. Tanya Lueder, who is heading up the development of the Student Center for Technology and Innovation. We are hosting the state Robotics Tournament in a couple of weeks. We will also be hosting a drone competition next month. There is some overlap with academic programs such as Aviation, Computer Science, and in the future, some cyber opportunities as well.
- We have had some good news lately with Deans raising funds; we got a \$100,000 gift for scholarships spearheaded by Dr. Mary Treuting. Also, the College of Business will be gifted \$600,000 with a match of \$400,000 from the Board of Regents. This will allow for a new endowed Chair.
- There are 2 new positions opening within Academic Affairs. One is funded by the Foundation and the other is an add-on for a current LSUA tenured faculty member and will require only a modest salary increase. Due to filling these positions in a cost-effective manner, we should be able to also fund an additional faculty or staff position at the

beginning of the next fiscal year. We hope to get those two positions filled in the next six weeks or so.

- Endowed Professorship presentations will be next week on March 10. We have more applicants and more money available.
- Classes for Summer 2022 and Fall 2022 have been posted. New courses may not yet be posted, but will be shortly as they go through the curricular approval process.
- Diversity Training will be required for this year. If you did the training in November 2021, it will be counted for 2022. The next training / workshop is March 29.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Advising period has begun. We see a few issues with authorizations so we are working with Jerri in Registrar and IET to resolve those issues. We are communicating with students about advising and adding courses to their carts. Registration will begin on March 28 for Seniors so that everyone has time to see an advisor and are ready to add their classes at registration. This ensures adequate time to serve our campus before registration opens.
- Dates for Fall 2022: August 18 is Move-In; Orientation August 5, August 12, August 19.
- This month is recognizing contributions of women in our history. Tomorrow we will have a female faculty/ staff mixer in the Art Gallery. We will have other events this month such as the International Women's Luncheon, and a female speaker for Total U. Haylee sent an email regarding Generals Jam which is our crawfish boil scheduled for April 7th. It will be a little different; it will be at 5:00 PM and will have a band. We are partnering with Chartwells to sell burgers, etc. to provide other food options. The Vagina Monologues have been rescheduled for another date.
- We posted an internal position for an Assistant Director of Advising. We have made an offer and will send a campus-wide memo soon. This position will oversee advising and communication. We will not hire another advisor; we will redistribute responsibilities.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Cynthia Thomas and I conducted the assessment training sessions. We also requested that those involved submit some information on the assessment website with a deadline of February 28th. I have started writing some of the standards. The Compliance Certification for our SACSCOC Reaffirmation is due March 2024. There are 60 standards, one of which involves the development of a new QEP. We will be addressing it in the near future by initially developing an exploratory committee to determine what our topic may be this time. There will be many discussions among the various campus contingencies. John, Scott and I will meet every two weeks to review the standards. The plan is to have a draft of a response to each of the standards by the end of this year, and then the second year we will revise and make sure we have all the documentation.
- Nina Cox contacted me about having a St Patrick's Day celebration. Ten years ago, we invited Danny O'Flaherty, an Irish folk musician to perform. We have invited him back and he will perform in the Alexandria Museum of Art on March 22nd. It will be free to students, and a small fee for community members.

- We are asking students to apply for paid peer mentor positions for the SPERO program students. I will be sending more information out soon.
- We will offer 2 aviation courses in the summer, and 6 courses in the fall.

Deron Thaxton

- We are in the early stages of working toward year end close out. We should have all year end deadlines for procurement, travel, etc. sent out campus-wide soon.
- Student Success Center- We met last week with the architect and a large group from campus to review floor plans. We are making some minor revisions to Admissions, Financial Aid, Advising, the lobby and the building itself. Cost of construction has increased dramatically since the building was designed so we are looking at securing additional funding to build as is. However, we are still moving forward with the reduction of 5000 square feet; First Year Experience and the Career Center are removed as of today. Also, we are all still moving forward as if we will secure the additional funding. So, the progress is in two stages, officially with the reduction of 5000 square feet, and unofficially as the building was originally designed.
- Dr. Coreil has recently had conversations with several legislators and others about securing additional funding. Early indications are very optimistic that we will receive it.
- The Drainage Project is moving forward; street overlays and paving should begin within the next couple of weeks. The main drainage corridors are up. Middleton and Grady Britt are complete. They are now doing some internal work near Coughlin Hall, Chambers, and Oakland.
- Campus Edge Project- we have had several good conversations lately on moving forward and beginning some development. We are at a crossroads of moving into Phase 3 with the company we have been working with. In the last day or so we have begun meeting with a developer. We will have additional information soon.
- Construction has gone well, overall, thanks to Kevin , contractors, etc.
- All trainings are due by December 31st except for the Title IX Training which is due in September. The monitoring system should be in place in March. We are thinking of moving deadlines to earlier in the year, so people will have additional time to meet the state deadlines of December 31st.

Melinda Anderson

- Thanks to everyone who attended the check presentation with Darrel Ryland, which followed a very productive Foundation Board meeting.
- I attended the Chamber LABI luncheon and visited with a few legislators there.
- We were successful with the Alexandria Business Foundation and will be getting \$600,000 for an endowed Chair in Business. We are planning a celebration to announce this gift soon.
- We are preparing for interviews for the Mulder Scholars Day this Saturday. Afterwards, we will have Dinner at the AMOA to celebrate these five outstanding scholars.
- We have over 25 applicants for 17 Professorships and will start presentations at 7:30 on next Thursday, March 10th.

- Working on Employee Recognition Dinner with Laura and Jennifer, and the Avoyelles Parish High School visits with Shelly and the team. Per Jennifer Innerarity's and Chad Gauthier's requests, they will be added to the planning team so they can attend these visits if possible. Also working on the College Rocks with Shelly, in collaboration with City of Alexandria, CLTCC, and LCU.
- Met with the City of Alexandria on Golf fundraiser for GAA.
- Disc Golf course will open soon. Chamber ribbon cutting on Wednesday, March 9th at 11:00 AM on the Quad.
- Working on getting with legislators before session begins regarding Student Success Center funding.

Adam Lord

- Chase revamped our request system for coverage, consultation, print services, and photo/video services on one form on our website. It will send a return email automatically and update you as your request moves through the phases (review, in progress, completed).
- Thanks to Tyler and his volunteers on running a successful tournament this weekend at the Red River Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament at the Rapides Parish Coliseum. Thanks also to Nathan and the Student Media Team for running the broadcast with our broadcast trailer and providing photo/ video services.

Tyler Unsicker

- Just finished the RRAC Basketball conference. Everyone was very complimentary and had a great experience. We will have the NAIA tournament here on March 11th and 12th. We hope the men can get into the tournament. We will find out tomorrow.
- All other sports are moving forward. Tennis was ranked Number 5 in the country.
- We have some camps (Baseball, Tennis, Softball, Soccer, Basketball) for ages 6-13 that will be starting at the end of the month. They will be on Saturdays or Sundays for a couple of hours; we will do some clinics and play some games, and feed them.
- Student Athlete Advising will be March 28.

Chad Gauthier

- Asked to be added to the Avoyelles Parish High School Visits planning team.
- COVID hospitalizations statewide are cut in half compared to two weeks ago. Statewide there were 1100 people hospitalized two weeks ago, and now we are in the 500s. On campus, two weeks ago we were down to 7 positive COVID cases. Last week we had 1 staff member who tested positive. This week we have one positive student.
- The sign on HWY 3170 is mostly completed. The sign had a digital marquee on top, and we got insurance approval to replace it with a new one.
- I have been getting communication from faculty and staff regarding crosswalks and stop signs missing. As soon as the street overlay is completed, crosswalks and signage will be added.

- The Pfizer vaccine for the 5-11 year old age group is only 10% effective. However, it is effective at decreasing severity of COVID illness.
- The increase in flu cases seems to be a local issue. We have had a handful of cases among faculty, staff, and students. This week has been better so far.

Kevin Vercher

- The Drainage Project has gone fairly well. We have had some water outages and are trying to schedule a campus wide water outage, hopefully on a weekend.
- We are taking core samples for the foundation of the Student Success Center.
- Other projects on campus include renovation of exterior of the Oaks which will be put in Workday once we receive approval from Board of Regents, the Multi-Purpose building is getting kicked off, and the UV lighting project will bid this month. These projects should finish by the end of April.
- We painted baseball dugouts, concession stands, and press boxes internally. They did a great job. We have a project going on at the Health Center; we are adding a lab.
- If anyone needs after hours help, please let us know ahead of time.

Melissa Parks

- The Education Department will have our Class Measures Virtual Visit next week.
- The Teacher Recruitment, Recovery and Retention Task Force of the Louisiana Department of Education has a proposal to remove the PRAXIS Core Score (PRAXIS I) for admissions to Professional Teacher Education Programs if individuals have been admitted to the university with ACT scores. Approximately 1000 potential teacher education candidates in Louisiana are unable to enter the Professional Teacher Program due to their PRAXIS I scores. The argument is that high school students already take the ACT to be admitted into universities so there should not be an additional requirement of PRAXIS I to enter the Professional Teacher program.

Shelly Gill

- Maddie Pharis started last week as our newest recruiter. I will be introducing her to you soon.
- We will have interviews next week (Monday and Wednesday) for the new Director of Admissions and Recruiting position. There will be a 30-minute open forum to ask questions so we are inviting everyone to come and meet the candidates.
- Mulder Scholars Day is this Saturday.
- Rock Your Future is March 25. We will be under the clock in downtown Alexandria. We will have a tent there, Tank is coming, and FAFSA help will be available.
- April 12th, we will go to Rapides Parish schools for Together Tuesdays. We hope to have sign up sheets out to you soon.
- Megan Ducote has been busy with Dual Enrollment parent meetings. We have been doing more and more of these.
- I will be rescheduling Enrollment Management meetings beginning March 14.

- We are working with LSU Online, Workday and REACH.

Missy Laborde

- Faculty committees are continuing their work and are moving along with their charges. If any advising help is needed for Athletics group advising, please let us know. Also, if any assistance is needed brainstorming for the new QEP, we can provide input for that effort as well since it's supposed to be identified from the bottom up.

Jennifer Innerarity

- Asked to be added to the Avoyelles Parish High School Visits planning team.
- We are hosting training sessions through the Criminal Justice Institute with 45 attendees, called the Transnational Drug Threat Targeting the Entire Gang. The officers are here for the training because many departments do not have funds for training. They are going to attend in plain clothes mostly, so we need make sure that the university community is aware that they are on campus and may be armed.

Don Collins

- Not present

Connie Cooper

- The Kickback went very well. Special thanks to Abbey and her team, Caleb for helping with activities, Strat Comms for broadcasting, Facilities for helping with logistics, and Deron and Chad for helping execute the event safely. Chartwells provided the food so thanks to them as well. Faculty, staff and students participated and enjoyed the activities. It was a pleasure to see students enjoying themselves in a space where they could just be which positively impacts student retention.
- The Essay Contest with Arthur F. Smith Middle School went well. Dr. Beard and Anthony Collins, a communication studies student, were able to attend. It was good for Dr. Beard and Anthony to be there to connect with students and community members.
- The Diversity 101 Workshop date has changed to March 29, 11 AM -12:30 PM with Dr. Luz Randolph. The summer session is slated for June 7th.

Jennifer Parish

- Not Present

Laura Fowler

- Farmer's Market will be here tomorrow from 10 AM – 3 PM. They will be coming weekly, weather permitting.
- We are working on the Employee Recognition Dinner which will be held on March 29. We hope to have tickets available in Auxiliary Services by Monday. They are free to faculty and staff, and \$10 for guests.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Parish.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 9:30.
