

MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

7/10/2019 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Donna Torres, Melinda Anderson, Shelly Gill, Adam Jonson, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Sarah Black, Chancey Slider

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

Chancellor's Updates:

- We would like to welcome to the Adam Jonson, LSUA Athletic Director, to the Cabinet.
 - Welcome Deron Thaxton as the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services. Thanks to Donna Torres for all of her hard work over the last several months and her willingness to support this transition.
 - A small committee will be meeting tomorrow to review the budget.
 - Dr. Joiner and I will be meeting with Mayor Jeffrey Hall today.
 - Plan to continue to improve campus infrastructure and facilities. Thanks to Jerry Burnaman and all Facility Services employees for their hard work and support.
 - Would like to continue honoring individuals with the annual Distinguished Service Award to be presented at fall commencement ceremonies and has invited the Cabinet to suggest potential candidates.
 - Hosting GAA Board meeting on July 11th in the Live Oaks Conference Room.
 - Discussed the idea of moving commencement ceremonies from Thursdays to Saturdays beginning in Fall, 2020 with the Cabinet. No final decision was made and the discussion is planned to be continued in the near future.
 - The upcoming Convocation on August 23, 2019 may undergo some structural changes, but planning is still in progress.
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Reports

Chancey Slider

- The Chancellor's Office will be undergoing renovations in order to better accommodate the functional needs of guests and the working space. I will be transitioning from Abrams 101-C to the front reception area of the Chancellor's Office and Deron Thaxton will be transitioning to Abrams 101-B. We are painting and revamping several areas of the office to improve the atmosphere and make it more welcoming.

Sarah Black

- The first 60th Anniversary Committee meeting took place yesterday and we plan to meet every two weeks. We laid down a good framework and are excited to move forward with planning.
- LSUA is expected to host an ACT testing session this Saturday, but weather may impact testing.
- Lafe Jones will be following up with the next meeting date to discuss marketing strategies soon.

Adam Jonson

- In the past year, Athletics set several academic records. Thirty-five student athletes graduated last spring and the average student athlete GPA is currently a 2.91, which is up compared to 2.62 two years ago and a 2.81 at this time last year. Women's Tennis, Women's Soccer, and Men's Soccer achieved NAIA Scholar Team status which means their team GPA's were 3.0 or higher. Eighty student athletes earned the Commissioner's Honor Roll by achieving a GPA of 3.0 or higher, which is the largest number of athletes who have ever achieved this status at LSUA. It is hoped that retention increases as student athletes are able to achieve more academically.
- Added the Association of Student Athletes this year, a national NAIA organization that allows athletes to serve as the Leadership Council of the Athletic Department. They plan to meet weekly or bi-weekly during the semester. A major goal is to connect all student athletes so that they can support each other and the university. The Council is made up of juniors and seniors and there will be two representatives from each team. Riley Rutherford, a sophomore softball player, will also be on the Council and will serve as a representative on the national level.
- Continuing to work on the Athletics budget.
- Hosting the 2020 RRAC Softball Tournament. We would also like to host the NAIA World Series if our softball team is eligible to play.
- We have put in a bid to host the RRAC Basketball Tournament at the Rapides Parish Coliseum.
- We are finalists for the 2021 Women's NAIA Golf National Championship potentially taking place at Oakwing and The Links. We are working on funding and setting up a site visit for the last week of July.

Eamon Halpin

The President of Qufu Normal University and one of his staff will be visiting LSUA on October 31, 2019. We hope to conclude discussions on the development of a two-plus-two program that would allow Qufu Normal students to earn a degree from both their home institution and from LSUA. We also plan to conclude discussions on sending LSUA faculty to QUFU normal during their summer term. The goal is to have a supplement MOU ready to be signed when the President of Qufu arrives.

Haywood Joiner

- Allied Health is considering creating new programs to generate revenue and reduce clinical limitations.
- Had an informative meeting with leaders in Business and Healthcare from LSUS. We are considering adding a concentration in Health Care Administration to the current Bachelor of Science in Health Professions degree that would align with the Master's. There would potentially be an internship option and a capstone course option.
- Met with the Director of Nursing and the Director of Surgery at Rapides Regional Medical Center and an administrator from Cabrini. We are all in agreement that there is a large need for a surgical technology program. We are exploring the idea of adding a concentration in surgical technology that could be offered to students earning a Bachelor in Science and Health Professions, considering the high demand and lack of course offerings in our community. I also met with the Program Director and the Chair of Allied Health at SUSLA recently and they are willing to support us so that transfers should not be an issue between universities. We will match our course descriptions to theirs if a Surgical Technology concentration is offered at LSUA. Rapides Regional Medical Center and Cabrini are willing to assist LSUA with the funding of equipment for the program as well as faculty to teach the clinical courses in the program.
- A Medical Imaging LSUOnline program will be offered to students in the fall. The course is 100% online and we hope to attract a large amount of students. Northwestern will be our biggest competitor since they currently offer an online bachelor degree.

Deron Thaxton

- Thanks to everyone on campus for the warm welcome back.
- My new office is 101-B Abrams in the Chancellor's Office.
- Been meeting regularly with Donna Torres to ensure a smooth transition.
- A budget meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Received 2.3% increase in state appropriations, but increased benefits cost just about offset this increase.
- Working on closing out the year-end. Our final deficit is \$199,000 and we are still working on final balances for reserves.
- Course fees are being moved from unrestricted to restricted accounts. At year-end, almost \$200,000 in course fees has been put into restricted accounts.
- The fiscal year projected \$837,602.50 in potential revenue from unrestricted fees, auxiliary fees, and restricted fees, if fees were added to online courses.
- Shared overall auxiliary and restricted account balances going back to 2011.
- Reviewing student fees and process of implementation of increased fees. Considering charging athletic fees to online students: Justified by streaming all games online. LSUS currently charges a fee to their online students.
- Enrollment projections are steady and show a 2.3% effect on revenue. A slight drop in on campus enrollment is projected.

- Meeting next Wednesday morning with St. Landry, Opelousas, and Ville Platte Mayors' offices concerning an outreach program.

Donna Torres

- Wrapping up the scholarship audit; plan to schedule a meeting next week to work on a timeline for the board resolution.
- Continuing to work on the Business Plan. Will meet with Dr. Rowan and Deron Thaxton this afternoon to develop a preliminary plan to be presented at the 7/24/2019 Cabinet meeting.
- Working on scheduling times for Tara Ball to come to campus to collaborate with the groups of individuals assigned to work on the heat map.

John Rowan

- Working on the faculty involvement piece for the Weeks of Welcome (WOW).
- Faculty are currently working on transitioning online courses, which can be very time consuming.

Shelly Gill

- Presented Admissions report to the Cabinet.
- Excited to welcome two new team members, Lorin Chauvin and E'Lahzha Bates.

Melinda Anderson

- The consultant for the new student services building, Mary Maloney, will be beginning her six week stay here next Monday.
- Continuing to work on the Capital Campaign.
- Plan to present the Feasibility Study at the August Foundation Board meeting.
- Met with committee to plan for the 60th Anniversary and will continue to meet bi-weekly.
- Working with Dr. Coreil on potential donors and community relations.
- The Gala and Capital Campaign will kick off on October 17th. President Alexander is expected to be present.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The Next Meeting will be Wednesday, July 24, at 9:00 AM
