

MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

9/4/2019 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Jonson, Sarah Black, Chancey Slider

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Chancellor's Updates:

- Hosted several donors in the President's Suite at the LSU game last Saturday. Thanks to Melinda Anderson and Dr. Joiner for being present.
- LSUA is honored to have Dr. Haywood Joiner as the Commencement Speaker for the Fall Commencement Ceremony taking place on December 19, 2019.
- It is also an honor that Louisiana Secretary of State, Mr. Kyle Ardoin, has agreed to be the Commencement Speaker for the 2020 Spring Commencement Ceremony.
- Pleased to announce that Father Dan Hart has agreed to give the Invocation and Benediction at the 2019 Fall Commencement Ceremony.
- Governor John Bel Edwards recently publicly commented that he is working very diligently to obtain the Drainage Fund dollars for LSUA's campus.
- I have been meeting one-on-one with Department Chairs for breakfasts and lunches to continue to get to know them and to increase communication and collaboration.
- Continuing to work with a consultant, Mary Maloney, on the Fierce for LSUA Campaign.
- LSUA community and campus events need to be reported to Sarah Black, the Director of Marketing and Strategic Communications, so that they can be added to the Master University Calendar. Individuals should check the Master Calendar prior to scheduling events. Sarah Black will be hosting a meeting in the near future to discuss upcoming events for the Master Calendar.
- The Chancellor's Office has been revamped and will be featured in the Weekly Happenings. Chancey Slider, the Senior Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, is now located in the front suite of Abrams 101 and Deron Thaxton, the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, is located in Abrams 101-B. These changes have given the Chancellor's Office a more welcoming atmosphere and increased office efficiency.
- We are honored to announce that an LSUA student, Gracie LaBorde, is the Avoyelles Parish Cattleman's Queen.

Reports

John Rowan

- Academic Affairs has started the “Take Two” initiative, where faculty spend two minutes with each class going over important information, deadlines, and other communications.
- An open forum focusing on a proposal for a new academic structure at LSUA will take place this afternoon in Mulder 147. There will be a session from 2:00-3:15 pm and a second session from 3:30-4:45 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Deron Thaxton

- More students have paid balances compared to this time last year. The semester purge for students who owe a balance or have not attended courses will begin on Monday, September 9th.
- Overall, enrollment is up by about 6% compared to this time last year. Online enrollment is up by about 35%.
- On-campus students are down by five students and full-time students are down by about 3% compared to this time last year.
- Revenue is currently up by approximately \$14,000 compared to this time last year.

Abbey Bain

- DOSE is continuing to plan WOW events and there are now areas on social media for students to leave recommendations and ideas for upcoming events.
- We recently had a record high attendance at the Total U kick off last Thursday when Mr. Jamey Mroz presented “Win the Mental Game”.
- September is Suicide Awareness month. DOSE is planning to host several events including a service on 26th for individuals who have lost loved ones due to suicide and a Let’s “TACO” Bout It Night. The upcoming Total U session will showcase a motivational speaker who focuses on suicide awareness and prevention.
- Welcome Cynthia Sandoval, our new counselor who started her first day with us yesterday.
- We plan to continue outreach and recruitment initiatives towards local high school students and create partnerships with high schools by offering standardized test prep sessions and we will possibly be starting some overnight summer programs.
- A dining dollars plan for commuter students will be on the Board of Supervisors agenda in December and is hoped to be implemented in January. Commuter students will pay a mandatory \$175 towards dining dollars per semester if the plan is approved. The meal plan for resident students would decrease by approximately \$160/semester. Ricky (SG President) is working with different student groups to explain the policy. So far, he has received a lot of positive feedback.
- We plan to increase the amount of toiletries and to-go food selections available to residents and students.
- DOSE has been working on outreach communications to over 40 students outside of our region.
- Spend the Day at A will take place on November 16, 2019.

Melinda Anderson

- The Epps House renovation project is getting traction. RoyOMartin plans to donate materials through Martin Sustainable Resources to assist in the renovations. We are currently working on getting contracts signed. I recommend that Chancey Slider be the point of contact on LSUA's campus for scheduling tours. This is a great opportunity for LSUA to be involved in historical tourism opportunities in Central Louisiana.
- We are currently working to have ten computers donated to the community center for the Alexandria Boys and Girls Club. They have also requested tutoring from LSUA students, but this is still in the discussion stage.
- The Fierce for LSUA Campaign will take place on October 17th on LSUA's campus. This event is RSVP and invitation only for previous and potential donors. Over 700 invitations will be going out in the near future. An email requesting LSUA volunteers has been sent out to faculty and staff.
- A donor who has made significant contributions over the last ten years has agreed to fund two full-ride scholarships for Clinical Nursing students and four full-ride scholarships for Long Term Care Administration students. This is a initial five year and approximate \$325,000 financial commitment.
- Shout out to Facilities for their hard work recently cleaning up the Foundation House and yard.
- The Arts Council of Central Louisiana is proud to present Black Angels Over Tuskegee at the Coughlin-Sanders Performing Arts Center on Saturday, September 14th. Tickets can be purchased at ticket-central.org.

Haywood Joiner

- Recently had a conversation with Dr. Freedman about the potential market need for a concentration in Pharmaceutical Marketing. We are interested in exploring the possibility of offering this concentration and plan to explore funding opportunities from some pharmaceutical companies.

Adam Jonson

- A Student Athlete Orientation will take place on September 10th at 5:00 pm. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend to meet and greet our student athletes. Select members of University administration will be in attendance. We plan to go through the Student Handbook and review sports medicine procedures, followed by lunch, and then a session for freshman only that will allow them to get pertinent information and ask questions. The Student Association of Athlete Association of Student-Athletes members will be present to assist the freshman and answer their questions.
- Recently had the former Northwestern Nicholls State University Director of Intramurals and member of the Louisiana Collegiate Intramural and Recreation Sports Association board

reach out regarding assistance with LSUA programs. I am currently working with Dr. Bain on structures and ideas for programs. We are hoping to host 4-5 programs per semester.

- An LSUA student athlete's family was impacted in the Bahamas by Hurricane Dorian. Their home was flooded and they have been tremendously financially impacted. I am currently working with administration to how we can offer support.
- Women's Soccer has a match against Alcorn State University on Thursday.

Sarah Black

- The Alumni Magazine is almost completed and we hope to send it out soon.
- Working with Shere' Thaxton on two upcoming Giving Day videos. We plan to send the first video out on September 17th and another one will follow.
- Working with Anaice Hackett on filming student videos this upcoming Monday.
- Working on buying out the old LSUA blue and gold license plates so that we can make new plates available in the near future.
- Planning to have a university calendar meeting in the next two weeks.
- Met with Lafe Jones yesterday to continue work on the Marketing Plan.
- I will be attending the Southern Public Relations Federation Conference on September 29th-October 1st. The LSUA Marketing and Strategic Communications team is expected to receive several awards.

Chancey Slider

- Thank you to the faculty and staff for donating over \$5500 to the United Way Campaign. Over 39% of our faculty and staff participated. Thank you to Dr. Joiner and Dr. Cormier for assisting with the campaign and collections.
- Working with Dr. Bain, DOSE, and The Oaks to plan a tailgating party for an upcoming LSU game.
- The LSU Board of Supervisors will meet on LSUA's campus on January 10, 2020.
- We are currently preparing for CLEDA's Summit on the Future of Higher Education in Central Louisiana that will take place on November 4, 2019.
- Currently researching recycling opportunities for LSUA's campus.
- A commencement meeting will take place in the near future to plan for the upcoming Fall Commencement ceremony.
- A WOW Appreciation event will be taking place on September 10th in Live Oaks at 4:00 pm. Thank you to the LSUA Foundation and Dr. Coreil for sponsoring the refreshments. This event was invite and RSVP only. All RSVP's can be sent to me at cslider@lsua.edu.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The Next Meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, at 9:00 AM
