



MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

11/25/2020 10:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Shelly Gill, Melinda Anderson, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Chancey Slider

Guests: Donald Collins, Melissa LaBorde, Daniel Manuel, Jerri Weston

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Chancellor's Updates:

- Discussed the Governor's mandate announced yesterday that we are now in a revised Phase 2 and how it impacts commencement plans. We have to be resilient and adaptive to change. We want to send a positive message to all of our graduates and students. Virtual commencement is an option. We are unsure if we will be able to do face-to-face ceremony, but we plan to exhaust all options and do our best to make it happen. Asked the Cabinet for ideas and feedback regarding other options for commencement. The Cabinet discussed having a drive thru commencement on campus. The Cabinet discussed having it outside with social distancing in place or having it at a different venue that might allow a larger capacity. Another recommendation made was to stagger the graduates at commencements even more than originally planned. We want to make a decision as soon as possible so that we can get information out to our graduates and their families. The SLT and Cabinet will meet on Monday morning and plans to make a final decision. Suggested Ideas for commencement include:
 - Soccer field (outdoors)
 - Drive thru on campus with covering over outdoor stage (outdoors)
 - Fitness center – If restrictions allow for 50% capacity in Fitness Centers (indoors)
 - Churches if 75% capacity allowed (indoors)
 - Drive thru in MEGA Shelter with livestreaming (partially indoors)
 - COA Amphitheater-350 with restrictions-livestream into the convention center with 75 limit (outdoors)
- We have been offered some displaced worker employee opportunities for our campus. Thanks to Dr. Joiner for working to help make us eligible to get these positions for facilities, allied health, and athletics.
- The Leadership Retreat results are being fine-tuned and we will have more information soon on how the results will be incorporated into our strategic plan. The developing LSUA Strategic Plan aligns very well with the core goals identified at the retreat.
- Very thankful to our LSUA faculty and staff for their hard work, perseverance and dedication. I hope that everyone has a very joyful and blessed Thanksgiving.
- The next Cabinet Meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd.

Reports

John Rowan

- A grant proposal submitted by Dr. Gerard Dumanças has been recommended for funding. The Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation grant will be used to recruit minority students to STEM programs at LSUA.

Deron Thaxton

- The lighting upgrade project is underway and many offices have already had their lights changed. They will be working on the outdoors depending on the weather. Had a very successful night walk with SGA regarding outdoor lighting and many of the lights will be replaced during the lighting project. The project should be finished in the next two weeks or so.

Abbey Bain

- Focusing on registration and doing some athletic group scheduling sessions.
- Finalizing occupancy at the Oaks for spring semester and ensuring students who cancel understand their financial obligation to the University.

Melinda Anderson

- Had a great Zoom meeting with Jorge yesterday and we are working on an upcoming video. I asked Dr. Coreil and Deron for suggestions and feedback.
- Received a response back from Micheal Tipton who works for Blue Cross Blue Shield and regarding possible SPERO conversation.
- Please keep LSUA's dear friend Lafe Jones and his family in your prayers since the recent passing of his father. Let me know if you would like information regarding the services that will be held this weekend.

Donald Collins

- Campus is safe and secure. Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Eamon Halpin

- On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, I had lunch with Monte Wilson, President, Christus St. Frances Cabrini Health System to welcome him to Alexandria and familiarize him with the allied health programs offered at LSUA. We also discussed the need for allied health employees in the various departments at Cabrini and how LSUA may assist in meeting those needs. I will be meeting with the Director of Human Resources at Cabrini to further discuss the employment needs of the organization.
- On Wednesday evening I had dinner with Vernon Jones, II, the new Chief Operating Officer at Rapides Regional Medical Center, and Dr. Sem Gauthier, Vice President of Operations at Rapides Regional Medical Center (RRMC). The purposes of the meeting were to welcome Mr. Jones to Alexandria, discuss LSUA's allied health program offerings, and determine how LSUA may better assist RRMC in meeting their needs for allied health workers. An immediate need discussed was the need for Phlebotomist. In an effort to assist RRMC in meeting the need for Phlebotomist LSUA will offer HESC 1005: Phlebotomy during the spring 2021 semester.

Haywood Joiner

- Pleased to report that we had 70 guests on campus for Spend the Day at A on Saturday. Everyone enjoyed themselves and were very engaged. Shout out to Kaitlyn Norton for doing a great job planning the day. Thanks to our Student Ambassadors, Facility Services, and all who participated.
- Dan weaver is taking the lead and doing a great job working with businesses in Alexandria and Pineville. He has visited 44 businesses and put up program fliers and is continuing outreach in our area.
- The application report for spring is up by about 35%. Summer is up by about %50. Fall is doing better than last report and we are down about 31% compared to 70% last time. I have talked to my counterparts at other institutions and they are all facing the same problems with applications being low. Our goal this and next week is to complete all received applications and get students admitted as soon as possible.
- Deron and I are going to complete a large mail out of our brochure and personalized URLs before Thanksgiving.
- Financial Aid is doing great with going around to local schools and will continue to go after Thanksgiving if the schools will allow. They are working on FAFSA completion nights and admissions tags along when we are allowed to. The next one will be at Rapides High on November 30th.
- Sent the Board of Regents Academic Affairs policy 2.18 to SLT this morning and need them to discuss the changes that were made. I am happy to provide additional information and support.

Melissa LaBorde

- Excited about the surveying of faculty and students to find out what's working well and not working well with remote instruction in order to be proactive for next semester.
- Keeping momentum going with policy statement reviews.
- Mulder needs some custodial attention on the 3rd floor. Kevin has been made aware.

Daniel Manuel

- Potentially renewing contract with Relief Telemed to continue testing on campus in the spring.
- Researching information regarding commencement venues and current capacity restrictions.

Shelly Gill

- Spend the day at a went well this morning and we had some very engaged students who asked great questions.
- Working on completing applications. Many students have been admitted and will be getting welcome packets in December. Deron and I are working on getting out the personalized URL's.

Jerri Weston

- We currently have 1846 students registered for spring and we are only down by 1.5% compared to this time last year. Thanks to Deron for help with sending out texts and thanks to advisors for their support.

Chancey Slider

- Working on commencement planning.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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