



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

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12/2/2020 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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

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

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#### **Chancellor's Updates:**

- We will be participating in a joint news conference this week with CLTCC re-minding every one of the transfer scholarships available to students making who are not admissible at LSUA but can begin at CLTCC until they can successfully transfer to LSUA and become eligible for available transfer scholarships.
- Coronavirus vaccines should be available in Louisiana by the end of December and we hope this is the beginning of a good future for COVID-19 restrictions and overall health of our students and citizens.
- The business community is coming forward to support our business faculty with private funding for a new accounting position within the College of Business. The goal is to increase the number of accounting graduates entering the CENLA workforce. RoyOMartin continues to be a huge supporter along with many others. We do hope the funding is available soon so that we can advertise the faculty position ASAP.
- The Cabinet has been meeting every week and we may need to consider meeting bi-weekly in the spring depending on COVID-19 challenges. The Taskforce being part of the Cabinet may also be adjusted after the spring semester begins.
- Many individuals appear to be very supportive and believe there is a critical need for a program for developmentally disabled individuals in Central Louisiana. To date we have received over \$25,000 in private funding to support SPERO. Dr. Halpin and I are writing a Cenla Focus article in the January edition to help spread the word in the community. We are also considering writing a letter to the editor of the Town Talk all in efforts to solicit private support of SPERO.
- The next Cabinet Meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

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## Reports

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### John Rowan

- Dr. Tanya Lueder is doing a great job heading up the robotics team, and a competition is being held on our campus Dec. 4. This contributes to our positive image in the community.
- We recently made an excellent hire for the Small Business Development Center Business Consultant in the area in the College of Business.

### Eamon Halpin

- Held a reception for SPERO yesterday and almost all of the members and their families attended. We were very pleased that the Executive Director of the Governors' Office of Disability Affairs, Bambi Polotzola. She spoke very eloquently about the need for the program in Cenla and her personal connections regarding the need of support for developmentally disabled individuals. Her remarks were very encouraging and gave the need for the program a great boost. Dr. Coreil and Melinda announced that we have received a substantial donation from an anonymous donor. We will continue to follow up on initiatives to spread the word about the program and hope to receive more contributions.
- Conducting a search for the Coordinator of the Testing Center. The position will continue to be advertised for the next 6 days or so. Dr. Rowan, Katie Cooley, and I will continue to review applications and prepare to begin interviews.
- Meeting with Raja from Acadian Aviation on Friday to go over a contract. The curriculum and courses for the program will soon be reviewed and hopefully approved by LSUA's Courses and Curricula Committee

### Jerri Weston

- Registration number for spring is about 1984 and we are up by about 50 students from yesterday.
- Working on getting information to students who have classes in carts and encouraging them to register.
- Ramping up transcript evaluations. As of now, 139 students are in provisional status and our office is working on getting them through the system as quickly as possible.
- Ramping up for end of term – grades will be due on December 21<sup>st</sup> and then suspension and probation will be taken care of so that transcript orders can be taken care of.
- Have a meeting with the Academic Standards Committee tomorrow to review the Academic Calendar Interruption Policy and then I hope to bring it to the Cabinet for final approval.

### Deron Thaxton

- Tentative plans for graduation are to hold drive-through the ceremonies at the Mega Shelter. Detailed logistical planning is taking place this week. The tentative plan is to have stage set up so that graduates can enter in vehicles, walk across and receive their diploma covers, and then exit in vehicles at a separate door.
- Revenue for the year compared to this time last year shows that we are down by about 2.6%, however that is good news since online revenue is up by about 42%. State appropriations for this year are down by 35% which is why we are down overall by 2.6%. The state has a different

appropriation schedule this year so some payments have been delayed. On campus revenue is down by about 7%. We are exactly where we need to be and trending ahead when taking state appropriations into account. Spring is yet to be determined, but we projected to be up by 5-6%. Revenue projections are slightly down for early spring, but should pick up for spring 2 due to online registration. Expenditures are down compared to this time last year. Overall, we are doing well this year financially.

- Kevin, Daniel, and I have interviewed several applicants for the risk management position. We recently made an offer to a candidate, but she was not able to accept. We are now determining if we are going to continue advertising or pull from the pool of applicants.
- Zach McLendon began work yesterday. He is working closely with Mrs. Pat and he will be getting much more involved in the day-to-day meetings in the near future.

### **Abbey Bain**

- Working hard with registration efforts. We are holding three sessions with athletes this week and hope to have them all registered by the end of the week.
- Working with students at The Oaks. As of now, about 210 students will remain for the spring and we have about 20 more spring applicants.
- Being proactive with student support and getting information out to students about being successful with remote learning.
- Pushing counseling services to support students with loneliness, stress and anxiety during the remote learning period after the Thanksgiving break.
- The Total U line up is almost finalized for spring. The first session is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> on Zoom with a Professor from University of Lafayette whose research focuses on elections which will make for an interesting session since it's will be near inauguration time.
- Planning for the spring Weeks of Wow and making modifications as needed.
- Commencement is a huge focus right now. I have had discussions with SGA and students about their preferences. They all seem appreciative to get an opportunity to walk across the stage and not have a virtual ceremony.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Working with Dr. Halpin on the SPERO Program. Chartwells did a fantastic job with the meal last night for the reception.
- Working on Foundation Board projects and meetings.
- Had a significant phone call this week with a donor about a contribution \$20,000 for the SPERO Program.
- Working with Liz on a few things.

### **Shelly Gill**

- The current application report is trending better for fall. Many other schools in the state are down by about the same percentage as we are. When looking at the data from previous years, we are ahead compared to some and behind compared to others. We are working to process applications as quickly as we can.

- Making direct phone calls and sending communications to prospective students since high schools have gone back to Phase 2.
- Lorin Chauvin is back from maternity leave and we are glad to have her with us again.
- Our yield campaign is strong. Fall 2021 admits have received their scholarship letters and a card from the chancellor. They will be getting t-shirts soon.
- Tomorrow, we are going to CLTCC for a press conference about transfer scholarships. It is the same scholarship that has been in place for all students, but CLTCC and we want to advertise our collaboration.
- Currently assisting with the robotics competition that will take place this Friday. About 7 schools will be here and we plan to offer tours and will have recruitment tables set up. The originally planned competition for junior high and elementary students scheduled for next Friday had to be rescheduled for January.
- Working hard with IET on Engage implementation. Thank you to their team for working so hard.

### **Elizabeth Jonson**

- Have meetings with Kroger and the Alexandria Mall today about making our apparel available. We are trying to work with Cenla Sports and plan to continue to reach out.
- Launching the Alumni Features
- Got the report about the geofence that we used for Preview Day and the current data shows that we did very well with attendance. I will share info once I talk to the company about the report to be sure there were no errors. I plan to do more geofencing with Admissions events.

### **Haywood Joiner**

- Due to the need for trained surgical technologists in the area, the Department of Allied Health continues to work with area health care organizations to determine ways to address this need. A meeting with Directors of Surgery at Cabrini and Rapides Hospitals will be held on Friday, December 4, to discuss possible options. I will report results of the meetings to the group at the next meeting of the Chancellor's Cabinet.
- Due to several security issues that occurred recently at the Jackson Street campus, I am exploring the possibility of having cameras installed to monitor the side and back parking lots of the Allied Health Education Building. IET is in the process of reviewing several options that would allow monitoring the building by campus security from the LSUA main campus. I would like to thank Chief Collins for his presence at the Jackson Street campus each morning to monitor the campus as students arrive for early morning classes. The presence of campus security has made faculty and students feel more secure as they appear for work and classes each morning.

### **Adam Jonson**

- Men's basketball games currently scheduled in December are today at 5:00pm, this Saturday at 4:00pm, Dec. 8 at ULL, and Dec. 12 at home at 2:00pm. We are possibly adding one more Division 1 game.
- Working closely with our health care center on campus and the public health office for COVID testing required to play against ULL next Tuesday.

- Still in holding pattern for conference schedule in the Spring. Waiting for word from several schools about whether or not they will sponsor competitions in the spring.

#### **Melissa LaBorde**

- Our last Faculty Senate meeting is next week and we are winding down the semester. So far, there have been no major hiccups with remote learning, but we are gathering some feedback regarding what's going well and what's not to share with faculty through the CTE.
- We are looking forward to finishing strong for the fall semester.

#### **Daniel Manuel**

- On campus positive Coronavirus cases are slowing down since students are now remote.
- Following the American College Health Association regarding guidance on COVID-19 quarantining information and will also take into account the CDC guidelines.

#### **Donald Collins**

- Campus is safe and secure.

#### **Chancey Slider**

- Working on commencement planning.
- 2021 Spring Convocation is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-11:45am. Lunch will be provided for all faculty and staff in the Magnolia Cafeteria immediately after.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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