



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

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12/9/2020 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, Daniel Manuel, Kevin Vercher, Jerri Weston

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

- The LSUA Board of Supervisors approved the cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) between LSUA and ACDS at their Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are having a press conference on Thursday to make the formal announcement.
- An anonymous donor plans to donate their home to the LSUA Foundation and the Board of Supervisors approved our foundation receiving this donation at the meeting held on Dec. 4.
- Dr. Dupont in the college of business just received word that the Rapides Parish Police Jury approved the proposal that we submitted for a services contract for the business development program as the one-stop provider in the parish. We congratulate him on this great news. He will be working in association with LSUA Continuing Education on this initiative. Congratulations to Dr. Dupont and his staff.
- Kudos to Eamon Halpin and the SPERO Committee for receiving donations and for continuing fundraising efforts for this very worthwhile initiative.
- The next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

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### Reports

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#### **John Rowan**

- The Faculty Senate had its last 2020 meeting yesterday. I would like to commend President Missy LaBorde and the entire Senate for taking on a lot of work and making substantial progress this past semester.
- The Cavanaugh lecture last night, which took place on Zoom, exemplifies how much we can do even in the face of COVID-19. A special thank you goes out to Dr. Bernard Gallagher, Dr. Christo Stumpf and a colleague from LSUS.
- We are transitioning to new academic structure and will be sending out an announcement next week about open dean positions. Open department chair positions will be announced after the new year.

- Talking with SLT about our strategic planning process and incorporating data from recent retreat. We will not implement the strategy until fall 2021 which gives us more time to get everything in place and incorporate some main themes from the recent retreat.
- Going forward, we will do more to in academics. We want to have academic programs, certificates, and microcredentials that will help LSUA stand out from other institutions. We're also looking to have less difficult paths to obtaining double majors, completing general education requirements and streamlining curricula in other ways while linking degree options to careers.
- Dr. Sandy Gilliland is our first Coordinator of Student Research and is working on plans to develop a center focused on student research and experiential learning that will be unique among our peer universities.

### **Eamon Halpin**

- Received about 20 applications for Coordinator of Testing Services position. We have identified 5 can that we plan to interview over the next week.
- Lakeisha Williams and I had a Zoom meeting with some staff members from LSUS continuing education to see what we can learn from what they are doing and how we can improve our programs. It was a very fruitful and informative meeting.
- Working with Randall Dupont on developing some 2 plus 2 programs with community colleges in the state such as Delgado and LSUE. This will allow students who earn an associate degree to transfer here to complete their Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

### **Jerri Weston**

- Currently, we have 2202 students registered for spring 2021 and 960 edible to register that have not yet. We are reaching out to those eligible this week.
- Grades for fall 2 and second session are due on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Grading will open up today and all grades due at noon on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Planning for all transcripts requests to go out on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> for students who meet requirements.
- Getting a lot of phone calls from students and working with them and faculty for drops with W's and graduation information. We are being as flexible as possible.
- The fall commencement program went to the printer yesterday.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- LSU and all system schools provide tuition exemption for employees after being full employed for one year for all on campus programs previously. This recently changed we and we are now allowing online programs as well. They pay 75% of tuition for up to two courses per module. This change allows employees to have significant discount for tuition. Any employees using this tuition exemption will have to remain employed for one year afterward completing courses or will have to pay back the full balance without the discount. This change will begin in fall 2021 and continue going forward. We can send out memo campus wide.
- Received permission to move forward with demolition of the Desoto Street building. Some of our administration will meet with the mayor next week regarding partnership in clean up and funding possibilities.
- Moving to a new RCM budget model. A group will be meeting to move forward with the process soon.

- Kevin will give info on the drainage project update, but it looks like we will go up to bid in December or directly after the holidays. We got feedback on the environmental study and everything is on track.
- Looking at plans to move the management of the Student Health Center in house.

### Abbey Bain

- Continuing with enrollment and registration efforts.
- Numbers are looking strong at The Oaks.
- Had our first planning session with the system regarding vaccine distribution for COVID-19. There are many unknowns, but our nursing homes and hospitals should have access to vaccines beginning this or next week. We are looking into the possibility of being a center of distribution for campus.

### Melinda Anderson

- Working close with Liz and Dr. Coreil on getting alumni and friends year-end review piece to go out in January to cover the last year and half due to some delays. Also working with Liz and Dr. Coreil on the quarterly chancellor report to go to a broader mass in regards to LSUA happenings
- Working with Adam on another night golf event scheduled to take place on December 21st.
- Working with RoyOMartin on funding for the accounting position that seems to be coming together well.
- Dr. Valencia Jones will be serving on our foundation board and we are looking forward to making that official on Tuesday.
- Continuing to work with Jorge on a script for the video
- Working with Adam, Abbey, and Shere' on the Rapides Foundation Grant.
- Working on many upcoming projects and meetings.
- Shout out to Deron and thanks for getting multiple documents to Lynne to be submitted regarding the grant for Dr. Dumancas.
- Continuing to work with Dr. Cormier and Liz on the newly remodeled area at Chambers Hall.
- The next Foundation Board meeting is on Tuesday Dec. 15th at 8:00am.

### Shelly Gill

- The current admissions report shows that applications are growing for fall. We are currently working on pushing out information for the Mulder Scholarship for the application deadline in February. We are offering one to a new freshman and one to a continuing student. Liz will get the information out to current students.
- Sent document to the Cabinet regarding requirements for admission. The Board of Regents approved an emergency policy for us to use. Thanks to John for working with faculty so that we can use placement tests. Reminder that spring and summer 2021 students that meet all requirements, but do not have test scores must take co-requisite courses. For fall, they must have some tests for placements. We have a list of tests they will have to take for placement and we will be getting this information out to advisors regarding fall and PowerCampus soon.
- Working to complete applications as quickly as possible.

### Elizabeth Jonson

- The commencement program has been sent to printer and should be here Tuesday.
- ACDC press conference is tomorrow.

- Working with LSU Online to discuss marketing options. We have a second meeting today to start getting more specific info for online marketing options.
- Working with group on LSUA app update launch.
- Had some meetings with community business members about selling our merchandise in town.

### Haywood Joiner

- As a follow up to past conversations regarding LSUA assisting area hospital to meet their needs for surgical technologists, Spencer Martin and I met with representatives from Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital and Rapides Regional Medical Center regarding their needs for surgical technologists. Both hospitals, as well as the Central Louisiana Ambulatory Surgery Hospital, of which Spencer is a Board member, indicated an urgent need for surgical techs. In addition, based on data published by the Louisiana Workforce Commission, there will be 10 annual openings for surgical technologists through 2026 in Regional Labor Market Area 6. State wide the number of annual openings is projected to be 190 through 2026

The following options were presented to the groups:

1. A satellite of the LSUE Surgical Technology program based in Alexandria with students taking prerequisite courses at LSUA, followed by transfer to LSUE for surgical tech courses. Students would be graduates of LSUE.
2. Satellite of LSUE Surgical Technology program based in Alexandria with students taking all courses, prerequisite and surgical tech courses through LSUE.
3. An LSUA program that would include a Concentration in Surgical Technology in the existing Bachelor of Science in Health Professions

Option #1 above was the most popular option with the groups. Options #1 and #2 would allow for the fastest way to produce graduates ready for the job market.

Spencer is working to find resources to fund the program, but needs to know what that would involve. Dotty McDonald, Dean of Health Sciences and Business Technology will now work with Spencer and I to set up a meeting with stakeholders to determine next steps.

### Adam Jonson

- Today, we at will be at the Bentley Hotel for holiday photos in the lobby.
- Have a perspective Tank for next semester who will be playing Tank today at the photo shoot.
- We have two division one basketball games this week.
- Conference basketball schedule finalized, but has not been released.
- Another glow golf event is set for Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Working on the Rapides Grant with some initiatives on campus for improvement.
- The last basketball game of the semester is scheduled for this Saturday at home.

### Chancey Slider

- We will be hosting the 2020 Fall Drive-Through Commencement Ceremony on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Mega Shelter beginning at 8:00am. The graduates have been informed of their times for arrival and more information regarding the ceremony can be found on our commencement webpage.

- Spring 2021 Convocation is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-11:45am via Zoom and lunch will be provided in the Magnolia Cafeteria for all faculty and staff who attend.

#### **Daniel Manuel**

- Working on information regarding on campus testing and the possibility of distributing a vaccine on campus.

#### **Kevin Vercher**

- Working on paperwork for the drainage project regarding a bid date and hope to have bids by early spring.
- Accepting bids today for renovations to the Wesse house for the soccer program.
- Started projects on the HBAC renovation of the Fitness Center and boiler additions to library and Chambers Hall. Some of the Mulder parking lot is blocked off due to construction.
- Continuing internal projects including the painting of Chambers Hall and renovations at the child Care Center
- Working on completing number of insurance claims from hurricane damage and we should see repairs shortly.

#### **Donald Collins**

- Campus is safe and secure.
- Would like to remind everyone to keep in touch about activities scheduled on campus.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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