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LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

1/13/2021 1:00 PM | *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, Elizabeth Jonson, Adam Jonson, Chancey Slider

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

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Chancellor's Updates:

- Working on an initiative to make people aware when new employees are hired. We would like to send out a bio and maybe picture to virtually introduce them to the campus community.
- We have been getting a lot of requests for internships. We need to gear up to be better prepared to coordinate with students and businesses interested in internships. Internships are a big part of the college experience and also part of growth and outreach of the university.
- A Board of Supervisors meeting will take place this Friday. We have two non-controversial items that we will present.
- President Galligan will be on campus at 10 a.m. on the February 4th and a memo will be sent out to campus soon. President Galligan and I will also be hosting a Legislative Luncheon on January 21st. We have invited our local legislators to discuss getting support for matching funding for the Student Success Center.
- Dr. Holcombe mentioned to me that they have recommended to the Governor changing the age eligibility for getting the vaccine to 65 and older (instead of 70). If this is approved it will open eligibility to many more people across the state.
- At a recent home basketball game, we had a public reading of our public statement committing to the eradication of racism in our society. The teams joined arms while this public statement was recited. I want to commend Adam Jonson for his leadership in facilitating this public expression of our commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity across our campus. We will be hiring a Directory for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the near future and we hope to implement more innovative ideas like this into our programs and activities.
- We have an all-time high record for spring 2021 enrollment and I want to commend everyone for the many years of hard work in making this become a reality. We also had a record enrollment for fall 2020. Achieving success during a global pandemic is amazing.

Congratulations and thank you to our administration, faculty and staff for helping us to attain this major achievement.

- Asked the Cabinet to consider if we should continue meeting weekly or go back to the bi-weekly meetings like in the past. Also asked the Cabinet to consider meeting as just the Cabinet members without the COVID-19 Taskforce members. Feedback is welcome.
- Thanks to Liz and her team for developing and implementing our new LSUA secondary logo. It is very appealing and is getting many compliments from many supporters across the community.
- Thanks to everyone, especially Dr. Halpin, for helping achieve a great SACSCOC interim report. The hard work is paying off and recognized within this review.
- The next meeting is scheduled to take place on January 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Reports

John Rowan

- The result of the SACSCOC interim report was very strong. It was about the best that I have ever seen and will not take much work to address the questions that they have. Eamon deserves a lot of credit for this and we thank everyone for being responsive and delivering materials needed timely.
- We have identified April 22nd as Scholar Day led by Sandy Gilliland. This is a great project and now part of a larger undergrad research initiative. We want to match last year's goal of having students from every department participate.
- Starting the process of identifying leaders for the new academic structure regarding deans and department chairs within colleges. This process will be ongoing through March and the call for applications has gone out. I met with Dr. Coreil and Missy yesterday and had a good discussion. We will talk more about it at the Faculty Senate meeting next week.
- I have heard of very few issues or problems in regards to classes beginning yesterday. Our experience over the last year has helped us to prepare and engage students in the best way possible under the circumstances. Thanks to faculty for being extremely responsive and flexible.

Eamon Halpin

- Met with the SPERO steering committee yesterday evening and we reviewed the status of things and made the decision to make overtures to local businesses to see about getting appointments to discuss program support. We also have submitted several grant proposals that we hope to get some funding from. We are continuing to generate awareness of the program in the community and would like to do a video interview with the two parents who are on our committee to promote the program and increase awareness. Dr. Coreil, Melinda, and I had a meeting with Micheal Tipton from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation and we are going to submit a proposal for funding since they were very supporting.
- We have a meeting tomorrow with Acadian Aviation and Shere' Druip to discuss launching the program.

- Received good news about the SACSCOC interim report that we submitted. 18/22 standards addressed were completely good. We have to provide some minor clarifications on four of the standards, but it will not be a difficult task.

Jerri Weston

- Having some issues with prerequisites and we are working with Abbey and those students. Other than that, everything is going smoothly for the start of the spring term.
- The academic calendar did not change due to the snow day. Census Day will be on February 1st which is the drop for students for non-payment and non-attendance.
- Saw the need-evaluation list and there are only 25 students on it which is great. Our team is doing a great job with evaluations.

Abbey Bain

- My office and staff have been very busy assisting students this week. We are working through some prerequisite issues with the Registrar's Office and getting student's schedules to them as quickly as possible. We are having some technical issues with the advising assignment script and have been working with IET. Please send any students who need support to us.
- Working on things with the Health Center and we are beginning to narrow down candidates.
We will be doing interviews this week and next week for the Health Center Manager and hope to have someone on board by February 28th and hopefully earlier for a smooth transition.
- Working with Deron Schilling on a dashboard for advising. We had a check-in yesterday and we hope to have it finalized by the end of fall to roll out in the spring.
- Continuing to do programs for students this semester. We had some this week and they were a huge success. We are also doing some virtual programs such as the online dance party tonight and online mind reader last night. We are getting a lot of good feedback so far. I am proud of Haylee for getting innovative when we need it the most. We want to start a series called Adulting 101 where we can teach students about things such as how to do laundry, cook, use checkbooks, etc. We may be calling on different academic or staff partners to help with this initiative.
- Nursing students and faculty should be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the next couple of weeks. We have inquired about Allied Health students and faculty and hope to know more soon.

Shelly Gill

- Our office has been very busy since spring is up and going. Today is last day that students can apply for the spring semester in our office other than for Spring 02.
- Spend the Day at A will take place on March 20th. We sent a save the date to many departments and areas today and more information will be going out soon.

- We plan to do some extended tours for Saturdays. The first one will be on February 20th and we plan to give tours and help with FAFSA. We will host another one on April 10th to help with come applying for admission and tour. We will host a third one on April 24th as an event for anyone who procrastinated and needs help applying and filling out FAFSA. We hope that these extra support initiatives will increase admissions and enrollment and make the processes much smoother for applicants and our offices.
- Recruiters are going to start flexing their time to be able to stay late and make calls until 6 p.m. We are working on call lists to increase applications. Our goal is to encourage potential students to sign up for Preview Day, apply, and complete their FAFSAs. We are reaching out to where they are and hoping we can reach students who don't have internet.
- Looking at dual enrollment expansions and reaching out to schools to get their requests that will go to academic departments concerning high schools needs and what we can do to support. We are also reaching out to some other schools who we are not partnered with for to see if we can partner.
- Continuing our yield campaign for newly admitted students and we have some new pieces to send out to them. We are also doing a social media campaign to encourage students to post pictures with their gear and share with our hashtag.

Haywood Joiner

- On December 17, 2020 I had the opportunity to tour the LSUE Surgical Technology facility at Ocshner-Lafayette General Hospital located in Lafayette. The purpose of the tour was to determine if we have space available in the A.C. Buchanan, III Allied Health Education Building to initially house a satellite of the LSUE Surgical Technology Program. I am of the opinion that we have space in the building that may be converted to house the LSUE program but will await LSUE Surgical Technology Program Director's visit to campus before approaching Rapides Regional Medical Center regarding possible renovations.
- In addition, I am in the process of contacting the Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Program Coordinator at the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) located on Ft. Sam Houston, Texas in the city of San Antonio, regarding LSUA becoming a provider for the Associate of Science degree for graduates of the MLT program. With 48 medical programs, and 16,500 graduates a year, the Tri-Service campus provides medical education training for the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Navy/Marines. I had the opportunity to serve of Chair of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) accreditation site visit team for the reaccreditation of the MLT program. METC is an impressive facility.
- I will keep the cabinet updated on progress regarding both of the above issues.

Deron Thaxton

- Spring enrollment is currently at 3264. This is a record enrollment for the university prior to drop for nonattendance and nonpayment.
- Revenue is up primarily due to online enrollment, but on campus is looking better.

- Continuing to look at accounting processes and procedures with Zach. It is likely that we will make some changes for the fall semester.

Melinda Anderson

- Adam submitted grant application to the Rapides Foundation and it was outstanding and could help us with the pool, tennis courts resurface, walking trail, and several other campus initiatives.
- Thanks to Liz for all of her help on the “Year In Review” alumni magazine. The draft looks great and we are very excited.
- Working with our new board member, Valencia Jones.
- Working with attorneys on the property donation.

Melissa LaBorde

- Many classrooms are in need of sanitizer wipes. Deron said to report any need to Kevin and Candy in facilities. Custodians should be putting them out daily and Kevin will address this issue.
- The faculty in Mulder would like to get the parking lot opened up. Kevin mentioned that it may not be fully open until the spring due to a large ongoing project. We will let the Faculty Senate know since the majority of parking spots are not available for the building. Chief is going to assess the situation today to see what arrangements we can make in the meantime.
- Faculty Senate has the first meeting of 2021 next Tuesday.
- Faculty are working hard to get classes going and I haven’t heard of any major issues or concerns.

Elizabeth Jonson

- Wrapping up the foundation magazine for Melinda.
- An interview with KALB took place today that will be broadcasted tomorrow regarding nursing.
- Continuing to work on many projects across campus.
- Sent out the new logo to campus this morning and have gotten a lot of positive feedback.
- Launched the new app and we are pushing for downloads. Haylee has done a great job and we will continue to keep the app updated including the calendar of events.

Adam Jonson

- Continuing to update schedule changes. Two teams in our league opted out of playing in upcoming games. We are continuing to talk with coaches and athletic directors regarding changes. Five schools are competing with basketball so the schedule will change to better accommodate needs. We will also have a change in the bracket for our conference tournament since five teams will play instead of six.

- The national tournament has been reduced to 48 teams and the number of host sites has been reduced to 8. We are still a host site and this will increase the number of teams that play here.
- Doing the best we can to push out information regarding schedule changes internally and externally. The website is up to date in real time and we encourage everyone to check it frequently.
- Women's basketball will play this week, but the men's team won't play since some players are in quarantine. We are continuing to test and monitor players so that those not exposed can continue to practice.
- We are utilizing testing available at the health center and the pod regularly.

Daniel Manuel

- Working closely with students regarding COVID-19 testing and reporting. We encourage everyone to socially distance and wear masks.
- We will be sending out reminders and encouraging everyone to take advantage of the free testing at the health center and it is already getting a lot of use.

Chancey Slider

- Seeing a lot of foot traffic in Abrams and we are all working to make sure that students are supported and get the help they need during this first week of classes.

Kevin Vercher

- The Drainage Project pre-bid meeting is tomorrow. Bids are due at 2:00 p.m. on January 28th and we will have news shortly after that regarding the successful bidder.
- Continuing to work on the new soccer facility and several other ongoing projects on campus.
- Blanchard Mechanical has not gotten a schedule to us yet and we are following up to be sure that it is handled.
- Our facilities staff is shorthanded right now. Please get in touch if anyone needs anything.

Donald Collins

- We will reevaluate the parking concerns at Mulder today.
- Campus is safe and secure.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 20th.
