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LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

1/7/2021 9:00 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, Adam Jonson, Chancey Slider

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

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Chancellor's Updates:

- I am appalled to see what is happening in Washington, D.C. with terrorists breaking in to the Capital buildings and lives being lost due to political disagreements. Thanks to Chief Collins for coming by yesterday immediately when the riots started in D.C. I am proud of our law enforcement and national security for their service and hoping that peace will prevail in the long run. I will continue to pray for the families of those impacted and for lives lost and those injured during the riots.
- Had great Convocation meeting yesterday and received a lot of good feedback from faculty and staff.
- Some LSUA athletes have expressed interest in protesting racism in our society and we are discussing ways that we can show university support. We are hiring a Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Director for campus and we are committed to developing our roadmap to the future. We also have a very dedicated committee working to eradicate and eliminate racism on our campus and in the community.
- On February 4th, President Galligan will meet with our faculty and staff here on campus at 10 a.m. in Coughlin Hall. We will offer a Zoom/livestream option, but faculty and staff are also welcome to attend face to face (masks required). The President and I are hosting a legislative luncheon that day as well for CENLA legislative delegation. We will be presenting information regarding capital outlay projects (Student Success Center matching \$) as well as system budget information, COVID-19 impacts and plans for next Legislative Session. We want to keep the delegation as involved as possible. The legislative luncheon is by invitation only in order to follow COVID-19 protocol.
- We have received a lot of great feedback regarding our drive through commencement and Nursing Parking Lot Pinning/Commencement, and I want to thank Laura, Chancey, Kevin and all of who made it happen.
- Pushing hard for more frequent COVID-19 testing for students and employees. Weekly testing would be beneficial to campus and keep us from having any major outbreaks. Free tests are now available to all LSUA students and employees at the Health Center on campus.

- Please keep up your enthusiasm for students returning next week and let's make a great first positive impression as everyone returns next week.
- The next Cabinet Meeting will take place on January 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Reports

John Rowan

- Heard great things about the All-Faculty and Convocation meetings. We are very excited about our future and the coming year.
- Gerard Dumancas, who has an endowed fellowship, will be publishing the first ever LSUA undergraduate research journal on January 25th. I will be getting with Liz to discuss getting some publicity for this very well done product and achievement. This is another initiative that helps us stand out as a university from other comparable institutions.
- There is a new program in development driven by Hall Langford in the College of Business. We are working to create a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS). We are getting a lot of praise for the development of this program. LSU Online sees it as being a tremendous draw from community colleges across the country. It is innovative and exactly what's needed as we strive to be more innovative.
- We are looking to fill the new position for the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We have received over 30 applications and most of the candidates remain interested. Thanks to Daniel Manuel for chairing the search committee for this position.
- As we begin the semester in the age of COVID-19, we are starting with the same protocol as last semester. There are three class type offerings. Some courses will be offered fully remote and some will be fully on campus. When class enrollments begin to exceed safe capacities, we will offer the HyFlex option. The Registrar is continuing to make adjustments in the system to best fit class needs.

Deron Thaxton

- We have seen a huge jump in on campus enrollment overnight. 113 have been added between yesterday and today. Please keep up the great work everyone. On campus prior to drop is almost even to last spring and online is doing great as well. Online enrollment is up 25 since yesterday. We have a total of 3012 enrolled for spring which is up about 70%.
- CARES 2.0 December version of stimulus act is coming. The tentative portion is \$3.8 million. The split is \$3.6 million for institutional dollars and about \$231,000 for students. We can use institutional dollars for student grants and restrictions have been expanded from the last time we received stimulus funding. They have added building, facilities, and grounds to the list of items that we can spend institutional dollars on which is great news. It will be late January before we have anything definitive, but we hope to have money sometime in February.
- The Drainage Project is moving smoothly. We will need some logical plans in regards to roads and traffic during the reconstruction.
- Moving forward with Desoto Street demolition and downtown beatification.
- Revenue is looking good, but we need to be cautious in not knowing what the state will do with Cares dollars and appropriations.

- Working with Zach in accounting on being more proactive with student billing and engaging them early on. We would like for students to be able to see their financial accounts by a pop up ad in their MyLSUA accounts. We are also looking at changing payment deadlines to be align with other universities.
- Will have a draft policy for the Cabinet to look at this month about annual performance evaluations to ensure all employees have one on file annually and completed on time. Supervisors and employees will not be eligible for salary increases unless annual evaluations were submitted on time.
- Our facilities department has a large number of employees out and we are short staffed at the moment — especially with custodians. Please be patient with us.

Abbey Bain

- Enrollment is very promising. It recently increased because many students came in yesterday for advising. We are down an advisor in our department, but our advisors and the Registrar's Office are doing a great job of getting students in for advising.
- Working hard to get the health center ready to be its own entity at LSUA. We are reviewing applications for the nurse practitioner position and are hoping to begin interviewing next week.
- We are highlighting the LSUA App to use for communications, events, dates, and deadlines. Please encourage students to download and use the app.
- We are getting some questions about class formats and working on getting information out. If students need support, let us know and we will work with them to support their needs.
- We have been approved as a point of distribution for the COVID-19 vaccine center.

Shelly Gill

- We are seeing an uptick in the current application report. Many students who didn't return for fall are returning for spring. The online application for spring has been turned off, but students can still apply by coming into our office with all of their documentation. Students can apply and register through the 3rd day of classes.
- We are coming up with specific plans on how to meet students where they are for recruiting efforts.
- We are shifting gears for Fall 2021 and working to plan visitation days. We should have the dates and information nailed down next week to send out.
- About 70 dual enrollment students still need to register for the spring which will increase enrollment.
- The Engage implementation is on track. It will have recruitment and retention pieces and we are excited about the possibilities for it.

Melinda Anderson

- Working on year-end tax letters for donors.
- Getting out Black History Month Luncheon cancellation letters with opportunities for donors to give even though we are not hosting the live event.
- Working on an orientation to welcome Board of Supervisors member, Valencia Jones.
- Working on property donation details for a property that the foundation is to receive.
- Working with Liz on the "Year In Review" piece coming out soon.

- Reestablishing meetings for the Capital Campaign. We received an additional \$275000 worth of pledges this week and energy is rebuilding.
- Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield with Eamon and some others next week regarding the SPERO program in hopes for possible funding.
- The Foundation Board meeting will take place next month and will probably be held via Zoom. The decision to hold it in person or only virtually will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in ten days and I will keep everyone posted.
- Working with the community on funding for the new privately funded accounting position.
- Thanks to facilities for working on the new soccer house. The donor whose pledge is funding the renovations is very happy with the work being done.

Adam Jonson

- Getting into competitions started. Schedules continue to change almost daily.
- We will have a non-conference men's game on Sunday in The Fort.
- Baseball starts on the 23rd. soccer and softball will start up in February.
- We are utilizing campus COVID-19 testing. We tested 54 student athletes yesterday and only had one positive test.
- Looking at what may change with NAIA national tournament that we are scheduled to host the opening round of since the format may change.
- Working with the Foundation on the grant proposal for the Rapides foundation. SG has approved to contribute some funds and be part of the process of making repair to tennis court, pool, walking trails, and possibly creating a disc golf recreation space, as well as some other initiatives. We are very thankful to Sg for their commitment to these projects and their interest in these initiatives make the grant proposal very strong.
- Some student athletes kneeled during the national anthem at an away game recently. We want them to know that we support them and we are not stifling their freedom of expression. We want them to express their feelings to us and facilitate to us how we can be more impactful. We will have more conversations with coaches and with teams and let them know that we want to be a part of their efforts. We want to do something that makes them feel heard and let them know that they can express their feelings, but we also plan to do an educational piece so that we can work together as a team to do something positive and not shed any negative light on the university.

Eamon Halpin

- Our new Coordinator of Testing Services, Amy Creel, began this week. Please welcome her and offer support.
- The two leaders of Continuing Education are both on leave at the moment. All queries are being forwarded to me and if anyone needs anything regarding continuing education, please refer them to me.
- The nine-week notary exam prep course starts on February 2 and ends on April 2. Notaries are in high demand. Please pass this information along to anyone that you think may be interested.
- Deron and I met with Raja from Acadian Aviation before the holidays to discuss the contract. Deron advised us on legal aspects and we will be meeting about it again in the near future.
- Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield about the SPERO Program. The meeting will be informational, but the hope is that we can receive some funding. We received some small

donations over Christmas, but we still need substantial additional funding to launch the program in the fall. The article for the Cenla Focus should come out shortly. We would like to interview the two parents on the steering committee and I plan to get with Nathan and Liz to see if we can use them for social media to generate awareness and push for donations.

Melissa LaBorde

- Some are asking about the ACDS contract to know if anything will change for faculty, especially for those who teach dual enrollment. Deron mentioned that the contract has been signed, but UA will remain for the remainder of the spring. Some changes may be made for the fall. They want to expand and offer more to their high school students, but we are unsure of the specifics and will be working on in the coming months and years ahead.
- Asked Melinda if departmental strategic plans requiring tracking graduates could somehow mesh with the Foundation/Alumni Friends on tracking graduates. Melinda said that would be fantastic. We will need to follow up on how to make this helpful.

Chancey Slider

- Thanks to everyone who made Convocation a great success yesterday.
- Working on the Chancellor's List award recipients' letters.

Daniel Manuel

- Monitoring campus, but no major updates as of now.
- Testing with Telemed in the pod on campus will take place on the January 12th & 13th. I will send out an email to inform campus soon.

Donald Collins

- Happy New Year to everyone!
- No major updates for campus and everything remains safe and secure.
- Over the break, I received a letter from Warden of Cottonport Prison to commend Adam Cockerham for going out of his way to find his son's wallet on campus. He is very appreciative of Adam's willingness to go above and beyond the call of service.

Kevin Vercher

- Making preparations for the Drainage Project.
- Continuing to move forward with renovations at the Fitness Center.
- Wrapping up the lighting project.
- Diligently working towards renovating the Wesse house for the soccer program and hope to finish by the end of January.
- Facilities is short staffed right now and we appreciate everyone's patience. Please call me directly if there are any campus needs.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 13th.
