



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

11/08/2023 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Jason Normand, Dr. Susan Bowers, Melissa LaBorde, Olivia Soileau

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#### **Dr. Paul Coreil**

- Tanks' Giving luncheon is on Monday, November 20 from 11 am - 1 pm in the Cafe with extra seating in Ballroom. Normal meal swipe or \$5 cash is required for you and a guest to attend.
- We are all working on staff evaluations that are due Friday, December 15.
- Deron and I met with Cabrini and they are going to be providing money for LSUA Tuition and Fee reimbursements. This is in an effort to support the ***Downtown Health Education Campus*** in an effort to add students to the pipeline feeding the shortage of nurses.
- Rapides Regional made a commitment to donate the A.C. Buchanan building downtown. Deron and I met with Vernon this week to discuss the donation, which will be to the Foundation. His attorneys are drafting the donation and he hopes to have it done by the end of this year.
- In discussions with legislative Delegation – Advocating for money for the ***Downtown Health Education Campus***
- Helping Tyler and Kelly reinvent our Generals Athletic Association (GAA). The goal is to keep the board active, functioning, and regularly meeting.
- Reminder that a decision should be made fairly soon on who will be the guest speaker at Shrimp Jam. The Athletic Department at LSU is willing to help us, so start thinking of ideas.
- The next meeting will be November 20, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

#### **Dr. Elizabeth Beard**

- International Student Services will now be moved to DOSE effective immediately.

- Next week is International Education Week with programming planned for Monday-Wednesday.
- Library Construction Update – Work is in progress and the space is looking great. Compliments to the construction crew who have not disrupted students and the services being provided.
- LSU brings in an annual speaker and this year's speaker is Michelle D. Miller, who has great knowledge of technology and background in psychology. She will be speaking on Friday, January 12 through a grant from the Campus Federal Union. They want to expand her as a resource to other campuses, so she will be speaking at our CTE Workshop on Thursday, January 11.
- The Career to Curriculum team still working on the Career Readiness Road Map.
- We had two assessment visits last week – one was for our Education Accreditation Team. They were extremely impressed with the data point on the retention rates of our graduates, which was 80% – the highest in the state. The other on-site visit was for our Medical Laboratory Sciences Team. Jeff and Cathy did an excellent job. They received positive comments on the program. Kudos to both teams!

### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- Registration is close to 2,300 students (which is up about 35% from this time last year). This is amazing to see so many students taking care of what they need to, we had over 1,000 students register for classes the first-week registration opened so the advising campaign is working and will help aid student success.
- Retention of freshmen is up 3 percentage points at 60% YTD.
- Advising is ongoing, and we are doing a lot to push the 15 to Finish. There will be group online advising sessions to help get those new online students a schedule.
- Total U today at 5:00 p.m. and tomorrow is the Veterans event on the quad. There is also First Gen programming today.
- The Christmas on the Quad event is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, so please make sure to attend with your friends and family
- Student Government has brought up the idea of updating the game room to a space for relaxation and studying. The renovation would use one-time dollars designated for mental health at LSUA.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- Projects –
  - *Martin Family Student Success Center* – Pre-bid conference is on Wednesday, November 29 in Live Oaks for any contractors who may be interested in this project. The bid date is Thursday, December 14 and everything for that is fully on-track.
  - *Health Education Campus* – Architect Selection is on Wednesday, November 29. Currently, 6 firms submitted their proposals with 3 being local.

- Attended a Board of Regents meeting yesterday in Baton Rouge for CFOs across the state discussing funding formula, capital outlay processes, and other procedural-type items.
- New federal law going into effect July 1 of this coming year stating that we can no longer hold transcripts for any student who receives Title IV funding and has an outstanding balance. From an administrative standpoint, it will be somewhat of a challenge to try and determine who we can and cannot release. Therefore, the system policy will be that we no longer hold transcripts for outstanding balances.

\*Much discussion was had regarding this new law\*

### **Melinda Anderson**

- SLT and a few other members had a meeting with CLECO representatives to discuss electric vehicles and the potential for future charging stations on campus.
- Kelly Pepper, Dr. Beard, and I had an exciting visit with a current donor discussing something that could take LSUA to the next level. More to come.
- Next week I will meet with Avoyelles Parish Tourist Commission and Alexandria Tourist Commission to further the finishing touches on how they will utilize the Epps House.
- Wednesday, November 29 – Legislative Luncheon at AMoA
- Tomorrow is the Cenla 4Ward Awards. Congratulations to Chase Dyess and Abbey Bain for being nominated!
- Friday, November 17 – Chamber Bizzy Awards - LSUA was nominated in 3 different categories

### **Adam Lord**

- Chase is presenting on ChatGPT today at noon in Mulder Hall 145.
- PRAL's Student Mini-Conference is next Thursday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Productive meeting with Brian Hommel at LSU about LSUA Style Sheet and CLC merchandising. Meeting with Deron to follow up.
- Installing a new backlit LSUA font sign on the back of the fountain.

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Women's Soccer in the RRAC semifinal tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. in Texarkana, TX.
- The outpost is being used, but not officially open. We are working on a plan for it to be open for students to use and getting student workers to man the space during those hours.
- The Veterans Day bike ride from campus to the VA is on Friday. LSUA has 10 student-athletes riding with the group from Cheneyville.

## **Shelly Gill**

- Admissions –
  - Application report is trending up. Just a reminder that the fall 2024 numbers do not include 100% online students. Applications for Fall 100% online students open in January – after the start of the spring semester.
  - Staff is working hard to complete applications and visit high schools.
  - SECO is next week – working with several departments to be present at this event.
- Registrar –
  - Interviewed for open positions of Transcript Evaluator and Degree Auditor. Offers have been made.
  - Graduation numbers for Fall 2023 –
    - 354 candidates
    - Summer 2023: 170 graduates.
    - There are currently 210 students who have RSVP'd to attend commencement.
  - Working hard on schedule changes and corrections – thank you to everyone for your patience during this time.
  - Working on Data Clean-up for Workday implementation. Thank you to Dr. Beard for requesting student worker assistance across campus. Several departments have reached out and offered their student worker to assist.
  - The office is getting more requests for PLA Credit. There needs to be a more formal committee that looks at these requests.

## **Chad Gauthier**

- COVID –
  - Last week - 0 cases reported
  - This week - 1 cases reported
  - A few flu cases
- Weather – Nothing significant in our upcoming tropical forecast
- Facility Services –
  - Tower Project – design phase ABW
  - Library Part 2 – Punch list items only.
  - Library – Big Part - Removal and replacement of carpet is still ongoing.
  - Generator to Oaks Clubhouse – Slight unexpected issue with the transfer switch, on schedule for Friday.
  - New Doors – Admissions, Chancellors Suite, and financial aid waiting on doors. Contractor said November.
  - Street overlay – Monceaux will be designing
  - Parking Lot 7 – design phase MML&H
  - SG LSUA sign – paperwork issued
  - Still very short with our custodial staff.

- Early planning on revamp of the old game room in Student Center
- Downtown – Submitted our top 3 architects to LSU for upcoming selection.
- Student Success – Getting prepared for bidding.
- Risk Management –
  - Vehicles got measured for wraps. One Humvees is running.
  - We passed audit, a lot of recommendations on walkthrough.

### **Connie Cooper**

- Native American Heritage Month Display – Located in Mulder Hall Lobby through the end of November. There are QR codes that visitors can scan to learn about Native American history and culture. Thank you Dr. Coreil for his campus email honoring Native American Heritage Month.
- Diversity Training – Greater Central Louisiana Realtors Association: Successfully trained 50 people on Implicit Bias.
- Rites of Passage Ceremony – December 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the theatre.

### **Kelly Pepper**

- Mr. Arnold Vernon established an endowed scholarship at LSUA in 2013 with a gift of \$300,000. With the generous match from the Louisiana Board of Regents, we grew the endowment to \$500,000. The Foundation has been working with the trustee of the Arnold Aubert Vernon 1993 Trust from First American Bank as the estate of Mr. Vernon is settled. We are pleased to share that we have received a gift of \$762,600.89 from Mr. Vernon's estate restricted to the Arnold Aubert Vernon Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to first-generation college students who neither parent nor legal guardian(s) have earned a college degree and have been awarded the federal Pell Grant.
- The LSUA Foundation apparel store closes this quarter on Friday. We have some great winter professional wear. Please place your orders and share this opportunity with colleagues. Link to purchase apparel: [LSUA Foundation Apparel Store](#)

### **Jason Normand**

- Workday – Working on data conversion files, deduplicating data files, and workday testing training.
- System Analyst position – Finishing first round interviews, hope to start second round next week.
- Audit – Working with auditors on an audit issue.

### **Dr. Susan Bowers**

- CTE Updates –
  - Chase Dyess is leading the CTE Workshop today at noon in Mulder Hall 145 for faculty and staff on how to use ChatGPT. The plan is to begin an artificial intelligence (AI) series with more workshops for faculty and staff.
  - Thursday, January 11 – CTE Teaching workshop with Michelle D. Miller

### **Melissa LaBorde**

- Thursday, November 16 – The College of Liberal Arts is co-hosting a mini-conference for the communications students along with the local Public Relations Association of Louisiana (PRAL) chapter for the third time. Marketing students have also been invited to attend as well. It is a great chance for students to capitalize on their role as students and establish relationships that could potentially open doors for them once they graduate.
- Request – Proposal to schedule All Campus Meeting and All Faculty Meeting consecutively on the same day for the upcoming spring meetings. The suggestion stemmed from some of the information being redundant.
- Reminder that any faculty-centered policy statements should be reviewed by the faculty before they are updated.
- A group of faculty members made bags for the Women's Soccer Team and handed them out before they left for the RRAC semifinal.

### **Olivia Soileau**

- Christmas Cookies with Coreil will be on Tuesday, November 28 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Quad.

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau*

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