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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

11/20/2023 8:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

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

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Recognized Connie Cooper for receiving the Proctor and Gamble Equality and Inclusion Award at the 2023 Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce Bizzy Awards. It is well deserved on her part for all of the hard work and service she contributes not only to LSUA but to the community as well. Congratulations, Connie!
- Congratulated Dr. Abbey Bain and Chase Dyess who were nominated and awarded at the Central LA Regional Chamber of Commerce and Young Professionals Group of Cenla's 2023 Cenla 4Ward Awards.
- The Legislative Luncheon next Wednesday plays a crucial role in securing ongoing Capital Outlay support for the *Downtown Health Education Campus*.
- Staff evaluations are currently going on and will be due Friday, December 15.
- Monday, January 22 – STARBASE Ribbon Cutting at Fort Johnson at 1:00 p.m.
- Attended a SACS luncheon last Wednesday at Delgado Community College in New Orleans. All Louisiana presidents and chancellors were invited to attend. It was hosted by President Belle S. Wheelan who announced that she will be leaving in 2025. She mentioned that North Carolina and Florida, in all practical purposes, told public universities that they could not use SACS any longer for their accreditation. They plan to use other regional accreditors.
- Need to consider hiring a faculty member to teach a course(s) on AI.
- The next meeting will be December 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- Congratulations to both Connie Cooper and Dr. Coreil on receiving Awards at the 2023 Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce Bizzy Awards. Dr. Coreil received the Red River Bank Entrepreneur of the Year Award and Connie Cooper received the Proctor and Gamble Equality and Inclusion Award.
- Endowed Professorships – Nate Sammons is working as our liaison with the Foundation on endowed professorships. A series of meetings took place last week to discuss deadlines and structure of the endowed professorships. A streamlined stipend is set up – endowed professorships are on a 2-year stipend. The annual stipend for all endowed professorships is \$6,000. The project amount depends upon the expendable balance in the accounts.
- The SACSCOC meeting will be in Orlando on December 2-5 and a team of 6 will be attending from LSUA.
- Planning to do a first-round interview for the Registrar position candidates next week.
- Alisha Ferrington, Director of Continuing Education, is temporarily placed in the library but will be in Chambers 145 once her office space is completed. She has already been meeting with SLT, deans, active units on campus, and campus partners to discuss ideas. Please pass along any ideas you may have to further enhance our Continuing Education program to Alisha.
- The Association of Louisiana Faculty Senate (ALFS) was here on campus Saturday with two guest presenters.
- STARBASE –
 - In the process of hiring a second instructor.
 - Ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. at Fort Johnson.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Enrollment is looking strong for spring; we are up around 800 students year to year. Internally, I had a goal of having 3000 students registered by Thanksgiving and we're currently at 2,824 so we're close to achieving that goal.
- The Tuesday after Thanksgiving we hold our Christmas on the Quad event. Please make plans to join us for a story, food, music, Santa, and fireworks!
- This is a difficult time of year where there are a lot of student issues and students in crisis but options to help are limited at this point. Please keep us posted on students of concern.
- We are looking ahead to the spring semester with homecoming planning.
- We are so proud of the intramural flag football team who traveled in the state tournament and came in 2nd place. Caleb and Haylee took the team and led them. We appreciate the way they represented LSUA!

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- SACSCOC –
 - Continuing to write up the SACS standards – everything is due on March 1.
 - Vice President, Geoffrey Klein, will be visiting campus on January 31 for a short visit.
 - The annual SACS meeting will be in Orlando this year with six representatives from LSUA in attendance.
- Aviation – Encountered some glitches over the past year with the simulator so a representative from the company in California came down to assist with resolving these issues.
- SPERO – Brittany and I attended a Zoom meeting regarding continued funding for post-secondary inclusive education programs, of which SPERO is one. Last year, the program received \$80,000 worth of funding and we learned on this Zoom that there will most likely be funding for the program again this year.

Deron Thaxton

- Please remind your staff that the LSUA vehicles track both speed and location.
- Workday – Had several weeks of getting into the details and will begin making some decisions that impact how we operate.
- First supervisor training will be on November 30 at 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Coughlin Hall Auditorium
- Budget – Going into the end of the fall semester we are up more than we have been in past years.
- Projects –
 - *Health Education Campus* – Ashe Broussard Weinzettle Architects was selected as our architect for the downtown campus. As soon as a contract from Facilities Planning has been issued, they will begin the programming design.
 - *Martin Family Student Success Center* – Bid day is on Thursday, December 14.

Melinda Anderson

- Congratulations to Connie Cooper and Dr. Coreil for their Bizzy Awards – making LSUA shine!
- Working on several things – Cookies with Coreil (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. hot chocolate and cookies) and Christmas on the Quad (5:00 p.m. chili) for Tuesday, November 28.
- Legislative Luncheon – Wednesday, November 29 at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Alexandria Museum of Art in downtown Alexandria. Important to the funding and support of the Downtown Health Education Campus.
- Chamber Annual Meeting the following week that some will attend.
- Service Opportunity while we are on break at the Manna House on Friday, December 29.

Adam Lord

- We are creating new processes for updating the website - Forms on our page
 - Forms for quick updates, new content, faculty bios, and submitting public records.
 - Ultimately every academic department will have full content that matches
 - These forms go directly to Brianne, our Web Content Coordinator
 - This is still a work in progress and we are adjusting to the feedback
- Chase is grateful to Shelly and her office – they are almost finished with the commencement program ahead of schedule.
- We were contacted by the head of Blue Ridge Bull Terrier Rescue (in Virginia).
 - Discovered our mascot Tank.
 - Looking for ways to connect, support, and look for “win-win” opportunities.
- November kicks off our full ad season running on all available platforms – 2 nursing ads, education, STEM, guys, Google search.

Tyler Unsicker

- Congratulations to the Women’s Soccer Team. The great season ends with a loss in the NAIA National Tournament.
- Recognition for Women’s Soccer at Men’s and Women’s Basketball halftime on Tuesday, November 21 at the Fort.

Shelly Gill

- Admissions –
 - Plan to run the report today.
 - Our crew attended SECO last week and had a good showing with the 10th graders.
 - Finished calendar of events for November and are now focusing on high school and community college events.
 - Working to complete applications for the Spring.
 - Over 250 applications have already been admitted for next Fall.
- Registrar –
 - Working with Chase Dyess to finalize the Fall 2023 Commencement Program.
 - Meeting with Jason Normand and his team to look at end-of-term processing.
 - Grading will be open on the first day of finals and incompletes must be in before the first day of finals – this information will be sent out to the faculty.
 - Plan to run all academic actions and send appropriate letters and emails before leaving for the holiday break.
 - Sadie Phillips who has been in our office as a Transcript Evaluator will now move into the role of a Degree Auditor starting today.
 - Raven Bryant is our new Transcript Evaluator and she starts today.
 - The office is still in the process of being repaired from flood damage.

Chad Gauthier

- COVID –
 - Last week – 3 cases reported.
 - This week – 1 case was reported.
- Weather – Severe weather in the forecast for this afternoon and tonight. Conference call at 9:30 a.m.
 - Facility Services –
 - Abrams – Burst pipe – drying well, will start the reconstruction process
 - Tower Project – design phase ABW
 - Library – Big Part – construction still ongoing
 - New Doors – Admissions, Chancellors Suite, and financial aid – this week or next.
 - Street overlay – Monceaux design
 - Parking Lot 7 – design phase MML&H – hope to move forward with bidding
 - SG LSUA sign – ongoing
 - Downtown – ABW was selected as the architect for the project
 - Student Success – Bid going out in December
 - Elevators – last week we had a couple down again.
- Risk Management – Wrapping up the recommendations from the walk-through.

Connie Cooper

- Rites of Passage Ceremony – December 10 am in the Richard Gwartney Theatre.
- Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon – Planning is going very well and it will be a great event. The date again is February 2 at 12pm. Doors open at 11:30 am.
- DEI Trainers – Will meet before years end to plan the launch of training for 2024. Developing a certification program.

Kelly Pepper

- Monday, November 27 - Alexandria Museum of Art Board Meeting
- Thursday, November 30 - LSUA Foundation Board Meeting
- Guest Commencement Speaker will be Quinnie Jenkins, the Director of Community Engagement at Delta Air Lines, and she also serves as the Vice President for the Delta Air Lines Foundation, please help us make her feel welcome while she is in Alexandria.

Dr. Julie Gill

- Continuing to work on the website and open meetings requirements.
- C&C has started with Curriculum
- Attended the ALFS meeting on November 11 with Faculty Senate reps from across the state.

- PS 209 (faculty workload) committee meeting/survey has gone out to faculty.
- First-round Faculty Senate funds have been awarded.

Dr. Susan Bowers

- Ending the first semester of Career Champions. They had to choose a project that they will implement in the spring semester.
- CTE Updates –
 - Chase Dyess did a great job teaching the workshop on ChatGPT. We hope to have more workshops centered on AI and the many ways it can be used.
 - Plan to do some community workshops with Rafael Romero.

Melissa LaBorde

- The P grades on transcripts for transfers with bachelor's degrees continue to be problematic. Please keep this on the forefront as we hire a new registrar so that all transcripts will be evaluated.
- The College of Liberal Arts had a successful student mini-conference on Thursday.
- Faculty are ramping up for final exams/projects as the semester end is nearing.
- I located the portrait of Vinita Johnson Martin that her family had been asking for. It had been loaned to the university some years ago for an event and was never returned. I found it serendipitously in the Archives room and will get it returned to the family.

Olivia Soileau

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

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
