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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

6/21/2023 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, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Jerri Weston, Dr. Bernard Gallagher, Olivia Chatman

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Reminder that evaluations for all non-classified positions will begin in November this year and are due in December.
- Merit Raises – We will be giving 4% average Merit Raises effective July 1, which means they are based on performance and not automatic raises.
- Recently we presented our Pre-Engineering program to Roy Martin. We are negotiating with LSU about potentially making it a 2+3 agreement – meaning the student would start at LSUA and transfer to the LSU School of Engineering. Plans are to also have agreement with LA Tech and UL Lafayette.
- LSUA Foundation is in the process of selling the house that had been donated to us on Grove Lane. These funds will then be used to support university advancement and student success.
- Health Education Campus –
 - \$29 million dollars needed for construction of the downtown Health Education Campus
 - Currently have almost \$8 million in commitments and real dollars from private donations, including \$3 million from the City of Alexandria.
- Housing overflow is a growing concern that we must immediately address. We have had waiting lists now for 2 years in a row for students seeking rooms that we were unable to accommodate. Plans are underway to build additional student housing as soon as possible.
- Reports need to be given after attending any national conference – summary of what you learned and what best practices are relevant for LSUA's mission.
- Annual reports regarding accomplishments must be written for professorships and endowed chairs – donors need to stay updated on what is being done with their funds.

- We are developing a director position for Continuing Education to help that program grow and flourish.
- Dental Hygienist program will start this fall – 6 students have been selected.
- The next meeting will be July 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- Morgan Willis will be the new CARE Director on campus – thrilled to have her join the team.
- Moving forward with a candidate for the Dean of Health & Human Services position. Updates to follow.
- Nursing Update – Currently, 33 students have passed the NCLEX. In order to reach the 80% threshold, which would allow us to reattain our accreditation, we need 3 more passes and there are still 15 students who have to test.
- Staying in close communication with our Registrar’s Office and Advising in order to keep up with enrollment numbers.
- Engaged Teaching and Learning Initiatives –
 - Establishing a space in the library to house this office as well as the office for CTE Institute
 - Purujit Gurjar will be the Director of Honors Experience
 - Great conversations on using the Mulder scholarship as a recruiting tool for students with high ACT scores
 - Working with Career Center and CTE to establish career champions
- Hired 2 new psychology professors who will both be starting in the fall.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Enrollment is looking strong, still. We are optimistic but do expect enrollment to level out some as we approach the fall. Right now, we are up overall about 20%, but once again expect this to level out because we have been extremely proactive with students registering. On campus is up, which is something everyone on campus has worked so hard to do. Retention is at 60%, and this time last year we were at 55%.
- Housing is quickly approaching occupancy – we are expecting to be full early July. We are continuing to provide outreach to those who have started an application but didn’t sign the contract yet. We will definitely run out of rooms so students need to be diligent. The Oaks did call/email all students who were in one step of the process.
- Volleyball court for the Oaks getting a revamp as well.
- Health and Wellness Treatment Team will be chaired by Twana Chestand, LSUA counselor.
- Website discussion later today with a group to come up with a plan to help update the website. Many of the website pages are outdated or have inaccurate information. In

addition, we need to have the pathways for students available and accessible on the website when they simply are not right now.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Attended 3-day COPLAC conference, which had an overall theme of STEM education. There was lots of enthusiasm about LSUA becoming a COPLAC institute.
- SPERO –
 - Interviewing 6 prospective students for SPERO program – able to add 4 more students.
 - Tuesday, July 18 – Brittany Soden giving a presentation on SPERO program at Rotary.
- Aviation –
 - Had a discussion with representatives from Southwest Airlines about the possibility of establishing a pipeline with our aviation graduates.
 - Giving a presentation on the program to high schoolers at the library downtown.
- SACS – Continuing to write standards.

Deron Thaxton

- Attended Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting in Baton Rouge last week to discuss budgets as well as Capital Outlay projects.
- Project Updates –
 - Multiple individuals at BOS meeting in Baton Rouge assured us that construction for the *Martin Family Student Success Center* would begin in the fall.
 - *Health Education Campus* received \$2.9 million in cash in the last 20 minutes of BOS session.
 - Met with Ashe Broussard Weinzettle Architects to discuss the *Health Education Campus*. Next step is getting our programming plan into state facilities planning so that it can go to architect selection – deadline is July 25. Selection will be made in September.
- Raises –
 - House Bill 1, which is the state budget, ended exactly as expected for us – no last-minute changes. Our raises are intact.
 - Civil service letters went out and go into effect July 15.
 - All merit and equity raises go into effect July 1 – letters will go out sometime after July 10.
- Year-End Updates –
 - Reminders were sent on year-end close out. Please remind all of your departments about expense reports – deadline is June 30.
 - Lacarte usage for non-travel between now and July 1 is not acceptable
 - Anything ordered must be received by next Friday, June 30.

Melinda Anderson

- Thank you to everyone for their patience and assistance with Olivia and Laura being out this past week. Much appreciated! Glad to have Olivia back and looking forward to Miss Laura's return.
- Rapides Parish School Board leadership retreat held at LSUA on June 12/13 was a huge success. 175 leaders for two days – Thank you to IET, facilities, Shelly, and Chartwell's for wonderful service. They will be back!
- Employee Recognition Dinner date has been set for April 16, 2024. Please mark your calendars.
- Working with the City of Alexandria on a couple of items – moving forward.
- Chamber Legislative Luncheon date has been changed to July 19, 2022. We will be able to thank them for their tremendous support during this past legislative session.
- Working with several on campus with the LSUA Shrimp Jam on Sept. 21.
- September 8 – Chamber Bizzy Awards
- Opportunity to serve at the Manna House – June 30.
- Will be planning a Legislative Update for the Fall – this is where we will push the Downtown Project and the need for \$29M for this most important project to move forward immediately.
- 2023-2024 Administrative Committees – presented for approval. Approved and will be sent out to Faculty/Staff now and again in August. Noting meeting frequency and the importance of meeting minutes to be submitted to Chancellor's Office for audit purposes.

Adam Lord

- Chase is working on an all-new viewbook for recruiting
- Josh's table display is getting a revamp
- Working on FY24 Marketing strategy - we will have access to new money from grants in Nursing and Education >> We will bring some of those placements in-house to stay UNDER the state spending threshold with our vendor
- Chief's police officers are having too much fun in the photo studio with Nathan
- Made an offer yesterday for new Communications Coordinator
 - This role will oversee Canva and PUR-522 approvals
 - will drive strategy for Facebook and Instagram

Tyler Unsicker

- Hired new Head Softball Coach, Trent Partridge.
- Hired new Head Athletic Trainer, Jeff Hammond.
- Working with Technovation Center to add cameras in the Fitness Center.
- Melinda Descant was awarded the National NAIA Tennis Coach of the year.

Don Collins

- Attended the School Safety Summit at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge, LA on June 15. I met with other educators and law enforcement from Alexandria, as well as state wide.
- UPD is training at this time. We hired another Police Officer, Mr. John Giles.
- I feel a large part of students and parents choosing LSUA is because of our campus construction/improvements.

Shelly Gill

- Application Report is trending up. Close to 1,000 FTF applications received.
- Thank you to everyone for working hard to ensure enrollment is up for next year. We appreciate all who have made phone calls, opened sections, found rooms for classes.
- New Dual Enrollment Coordinator started Monday – Sarah Francis
- Front Desk of Abrams – Admissions is working with the Chancellor's Office on a solution to ensure a smiling face welcoming guests to Abrams Hall and answering phone calls. Within the next few weeks, this should be much improved.

Chad Gauthier

- COVID – According to the CDC data for Louisiana:
 - Hospitalizations related to COVID in LA have dropped this past week.
 - Test positivity has dropped this past week.
 - Last week, we had 0 cases on campus, this week we have 2.
- Weather –
 - Tropical Storm Bert is forecast to move through the lesser Antilles and continue west. At this time, this storm doesn't pose a threat to our area.
- Facility Services –
 - In house, we have many projects both large and small across campus.
 - Work starting to wrap up in CyberLab in Mulder
 - Work in library will hopefully begin next week or so.
 - Work will begin on lighting and painting in the former Fitness Center pool area today.
 - Library exterior metal work painting is ongoing.
 - Chambers flower bed work began this week. Then other areas to follow.
 - Initial meeting with Ashe Broussard Weinzettle on new building.
 - AC Ductwork in Abrams began yesterday afternoon.
- Risk Management –
 - Drivers Authorization Forms – Email going out this week or next

Connie Cooper

- The Juneteenth program was a success. Students from the local COPE group, Sabine, Natchitoches and Evangeline participated in addition to our faculty and staff. The program was covered by KALB, KLAX, The Town Talk, and the Natchitoches Parish Journal. Sincere thanks to all who made the event happen.
- We will host a Pride in the Workplace Lunch and Learn on June 29th at noon in Mulder 302.

Kelly Pepper

- July 7th is the next exhibit opening for the Alexandria Museum of Art at 6 pm.
- Shrimp Jam Updates – There are four ways in which you can help support the 2023 LSUA Shrimp Jam.
 1. Individual Tickets to the 2023 LSUA Shrimp Jam - cost \$75 each and can be purchased online at:
<https://lsuagenerals.com/sports/2022/9/12/hometown-ticketing.aspx>
 2. Sponsor the 2023 LSUA Shrimp Jam online at:
<https://lsuagenerals.com/sports/2022/9/12/hometown-ticketing.aspx> or email Shere' Thaxton at sthaxton@lsua.edu or call 318-619-2916
Gold \$5,000 → 8 tickets - reserved table - premium seating
Silver \$2,500 → 8 tickets - reserved table - second tier seating
Bronze \$1,500 → 8 tickets - reserved table
 3. This year, we are hosting a gift card pull - you can donate gift cards at a \$20 minimum by delivering them to the LSUA Foundation Office on campus or arranging a pick-up by emailing sthaxton@lsua.edu or kpepper@lsua.edu
 4. We are also raffling a wine/whiskey wagon(s) - you can donate unopened bottles of wine or whiskey by delivering them to the LSUA Foundation Office on campus or arranging a pick-up by emailing sthaxton@lsua.edu or kpepper@lsua.edu.

Jerri Weston

- Working with multiple departments to find solutions for classroom overflow due to high enrollment.
- October 17-19 – LSUA will host Workday training meetings with nearly 60 people on campus, from both LSU and LSUS.
- The 23-24 catalog is on track to being published and released on July 1.
- E-Learn 1 session ends on Sunday and E-Learn 2 session begins Monday.

Dr. Bernard Gallagher

- LSUA will host CENLA Authors' Club and its sponsored zoom session with David Madden, who has to his credit eight novels, two collections of short stories, several individually published short stories and poems. He has been awarded a Rockefeller Grant, a National Endowment for the Arts Prize, a fellowship to the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference, a National Council on the Arts Award, and a Pulitzer Prize nomination.
- Cavanaugh Lectures – Location: Westside Library
 - Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. Adam Lord – a presentation on the Ukraine (more information later)
 - Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Blake Chatelain – The Recent Failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank (more information later)
 - Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. Connie Cooper – Why DEI Matters (more information later)
 - Thursday, February 1 Jacob and Jaya McSharma at 6:30 p.m. – Presenting and discussing their latest film
- Juneteenth Celebration –
 - Good turnout for Juneteenth Celebration of June 15 COPE students from several parishes were there.
 - Dr. Cynthia Thomas spoke compellingly about the need for students to choose their futures.
 - Dimario Jackson, the new men's basketball coach, introduced the audience to his mantra: "Discipline, Toughness, and Character."
 - An inspiring PPT video about the history of Solomon Northrup was played.

Olivia Chatman

- No update.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman

The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
