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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

3/14/2024 10:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

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

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- The meeting with the Legislative Delegation went very well with lots of positive comments and feedback.
- Thank you to Dr. Nathan Ponder for his leadership during his tenure as Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Dr. Nathan Sammons has been appointed as Interim Dean while a national search to permanently fill this position is completed. We appreciate his willingness to serve in this very important role.
- Commencement –
 - Thursday, May 16 at the Rapides Parish Coliseum at 10:00 a.m.
 - Mary Werner will be the commencement speaker for Spring 2024 Commencement as well as the conferrer of degrees.
 - The Distinguished Service Award will be given in honor of Dr. Mary Treuting
- Reminder that mandatory training is due in September.
- Please take time to nominate co-workers for awards that are presented at Employee Recognition Dinner. It is important that the hard work done by our faculty and staff gets recognized.
- The Commanding General of JRTC and Fort Johnson, Major General David Gardner, spoke at Rotary this past Tuesday. During his presentation, he shouted out STARBASE and our director, Jessika LaCaze.
- Friday, March 16 – Bolton High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Saturday, March 17 – A group from LSUA will be supporting Cabrini at the Cabrini Ball. They have graciously committed \$1M in academic support and tuition reimbursement for LSUA nursing graduates.

News article linked here: [Christus St. Frances Cabrini Commits \\$1M in Academic Support & Tuition Reimbursement](#)

- Tuesday, June 18 – LSUA Annual Report presentation at Rotary
- Thursday, April 25 – SLT will be presenting LSUA updates to the BOS
- Friday, April 26 – BOS Meeting
- A few of us from LSUA will be meeting with our DC lobbyist, Jeffrey Brooks, today at noon. Essentially this meeting is to discuss community projects and potential grant funding from Congress. More updates from that meeting will come later.
- Spoke to Chase Dyess today and discussed AI updates. It appears that AI gives others the ability to create fake voicemails, photos, videos, and phone calls. Please be cautious as it can appear realistic.
- It was brought to my attention that an agenda for Cabinet may be useful. Due to the members giving lots of updates on various topics during each meeting, an agenda will be utilized only when the Cabinet is voting to approve a new or revised policy or project.
- The next meeting will be March 27, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- Welcome to our new registrar, Bobi Delaney, who joined LSUA in that role on March 1. She is an alumnae of LSUA's education program, and we welcome her home to our campus. Bobi is already earning wonderful feedback from our Registrar staff and faculty team.
- I want to thank Shelly Gill, who served as interim registrar and did an extraordinary job in that role. She represents the essence of the hard work and dedication to our university which is the very best of our LSUA family. Shelly is most certainly deserving of applause in this role, and we are so appreciative of her willingness to help with the transition.
- Dr. Nathan Sammons has been asked to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. In addition, SLT is proposing to rename the college as the College of Science, Technology & Mathematics. That recommendation will need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. A national search will be launched to fill that role. We will also name a new chair for the Department of Biology. Once our new Dean is named, Dr. Sammons will move into a full-time role as the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Engaged Teaching and Learning. In that role, he will shepherd faculty through promotion, tenure, and reappointment processes; service as liaison for the endowed professorship processes; and oversee and amplify the work of our Engaged Teaching & Learning units, including Technovation, Honors Experience, Center for Teaching Excellence, Career Center, and CORE.
- Reminders of key events for Academic Affairs and our campus –
 - Honors Convocation to recognize student excellence, Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30 pm in the Caffey Annex Ballroom.
 - Employee Recognition Dinner, April 16 in the Caffey Annex Ballroom at 5:00 p.m.
 - Graduate School Fair, Monday, March 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Caffey Annex Ballroom.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Enrollment is over 5,500 students right now. I expect us to be 6,000 or over for the fall semester!
- There was a training for Advisors of student organizations yesterday. This is a big part of the student experience and it is important we provide support and information for advisors to be effective in that role.
- Admitted Student Days are next month! The first is full and the second is almost there. Registration has only been open for two weeks so we are so excited to have this much interest in our freshman class!
- Housing already has around 150 applications, which is 62% higher than we were this time last year. We are expecting to be fully occupied by June/July. Please make sure you encourage the students you work with to apply early!

Deron Thaxton

- Projects –
 - *Martin Family Student Success Center* – Construction is going well and continuing to move forward.
 - *Downtown Health Education Campus* – In the process of setting up our kickoff meeting which should be sometime next week.
 - Tower – The tower construction project goes out for bid soon; it is highly likely that M.D. Descant Construction Inc. will get the bid.
- Personnel Openings/Updates –
 - Interviews have taken place for the Director of HRM, but more will happen within the next week or so.
Link to apply: [Director of Human Resource Management](#)
 - Interviews for the Procurement Coordinator position will take place next week.
Link to apply: [Procurement Coordinator](#)
 - Narrowed down the candidates for the Scholarship Coordinator position. More updates to come.
- Budget presentation meeting for higher ed took place yesterday in Baton Rouge. There were fantastic things said about LSUA, which was encouraging to hear.
- In the early stages of the budget process for next year; working on the initial baseline budget spreadsheet.
- Spring Equity Adjustments – There will not be as many adjustments as there were previously due to the money that was dumped into equity adjustments this fiscal year.
- As of now, there is no indication of raises in the budget for next year.
- Looking at replacing furniture in the campus office lobbies as well as classroom desks and tables.

- The campus-wide security system implementation is underway and should be completed sometime in April.

Melinda Anderson

- Attended Budget hearings with Dr. Coreil this week. So many positive LSUA remarks from Dr. Tate and many legislators.
- “Upon Adjournment” receptions start Monday in Baton Rouge. LSUA and LSU will host this first one. The higher ed Upon Adjournment receptions will happen almost every 2 weeks through session.
- SBDC and Continuing Education will host their open house and grand opening on Wednesday, March 20. Their offices are located in the Coughlin 146.
- Manna House service opportunity on Friday, March 29 – Good Friday. The University is closed that day. Connie Cooper has agreed to be the point person to make sure we have plenty to serve.

Adam Lord

- StratComms is up for a Cypress Award tomorrow at the PRAL-Central Meeting.
- We also have three projects nominated for the nationally recognized Telly Awards (we will find out in May).
- I have a handout almost ready for the AP Style Tip Sheet I mentioned last meeting. Additionally, Mira is working on quarterly social media tips to send out to both business and academic units that manage their own social media pages.
- Abbey and I have a really great opportunity to talk with a researcher supporting a new writing project by Jeff Selingo, the former editor of the Chronicle of Higher Education and best-selling author. He is working on a piece about college enrollment, and his research assistant said she “noticed our growth trend” and wanted to ask some questions. We will certainly not give away any state secrets, and we may not get mentioned in his piece at all, but this is a great chance to join the national conversation. Some of his recent pieces have been picked up by the Wall Street Journal, Harvard Business Review, and the Chronicle of Higher Ed.
- Out of my lane, but every time I talk to David Saucier in Technovation’s Maker Space, I am more impressed by how well he gets the mission of this institution. He is doing everything he can to build programs to push students toward employable futures in emerging technologies.

Tyler Unsicker

- The LSUA/GAA Golf tournament will be on Friday, April 26 at Links on the Bayou. We will be sending information out in the next week or so.
- Men’s Basketball plays on Friday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Olathe, Kansas.

- Thanks to everyone who came out to the RRAC basketball tournament to cheer on the Men's and Women's Basketball teams.

Shelly Gill

- Mulder Scholarships were presented on Saturday, March 9. Nineteen very bright high school seniors were on campus and participated in a variety of leadership activities. The 4 recipients are Jaycie O'Conner, also a softball commit, from Vinton HS; Adbul Hadi from Illinois; Canaan Hoosier, a Legacy Student, from Buckeye HS; and Leah Buller from Pineville HS. Each recipient will receive a \$5,000/year (for 4 years) scholarship for a total scholarship of \$20,000.
- Counselors are busy attending high school and transfer fairs throughout the state.
- Joshua's last day is March 15. Currently looking for the right candidate for Director of Recruiting.
- Admitted Student Day is set for April 12 and 26. Registration for the events opened on March 4 and as of today, both sessions are full.
- The Transcript Evaluators have caught up on ALL evaluations as of today! This hasn't happened in over 2 years! The new team is working well together.

Bob Delaney

- Non-attendance reporting will take place on Monday, March 18.
- Personnel Updates –
 - Hired a new transcript evaluator.
 - Hired an administrative assistant.
 - Started interviewing candidates for the Assistant Registrar position.

Chad Gauthier

- COVID –
 - Last week – 2 cases
 - This week – 0 cases reported
- Weather – Nothing significant to report at this time.
- Facility Services –
 - Abrams Pipe Burst – Furniture.
 - Tower Project –ABW – Going out for bid.
 - Street Overlay Project – Monceaux design - Going out for bid
 - Parking Lot 7 – design phase MML&H – Going out for bid
 - SG LSUA sign – Site work completed. The sign installation was supposed to be last week but got pushed back by the contractor.
 - Facilities Services Fence – moving along, should be completed next week.

- ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant - Construction has begun. Relocation of utilities and dirt work has been the primary focus. Tying rebar and should start drilling shafts possibly next week.
- Many other projects across campus will be taking place these next few months - Fitness Center, Abrams, Student Center, Avoyelles, Quad, Baseball/Softball complex, Flower beds, additional fencing, Science
- Risk Management – Quarterly Safety Newsletter went out.

Connie Cooper

- Black Women’s Empowerment Initiative
 - Strategic planning for community service, mentoring workshop, and Black Girl Magic program.
 - Applications for Cohort 2 are now being accepted.
- COPE, Inc. – Reminder that COPE, Inc. will be on campus June 10- July 19.
- External Educational Partnership – Partnered with LEAD Louisiana, a statewide leadership development organization, and delivered a workshop focused on principles of equality, access, and fundamental leadership qualities. Thirty individuals from various regions across the state of Louisiana attended the workshop at LSU.
- Civil Rights Compliance and Access (CRCA) Committee – Will meet quarterly beginning Tuesday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. in Mulder Hall 302.

Kelly Pepper

- Battle of the Generals starts Monday - this is a departmental "penny war" to raise money to support LSU's General Institutional Betterment Fund.
- Reminder that Wednesday, March 27th is LSU Giving Day!
- Friday, March 22nd - LSU Endowed Professorship Review
- Tuesday, September 24th - LSU Shrimp Jam

Dr. Susan Bowers

- Monday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. in Coughlin Hall – AI Panel Discussion hosted by CTE and Rafael Romero
- Thursday, April 11 at noon – Nate Sammons and I will do an AI discussion with the faculty.
- Tuesday, April 9 – High-impact practice seminar with Carli Smith and Jennifer Wright discussing the use of Perusall (online social annotation platform).
- Interviewing a biology candidate today.

Melissa LaBorde

- Faculty asked that the grade submission screen be sure to have the "submit" button live and also the pulldown menu to change a grade before the final deadline.
- A wind chime was blessed yesterday at the Catholic Student Center (CSO) to create a Melody Garden in memory of Dr. Mary Treuting.
- Heard several suggestions to name the CTE or the CTE area in memory of Dr. Treuting because she was so instrumental in establishing it and advocating for it.
- Encourage everyone to put items on the calendar so we don't double up on dates.
- Suggestion to streamline the award nomination process so we don't have multiple due dates and emails. Hopefully, this will help us secure more nominations.
- We need to find a way to make sure students can travel to conferences. Our current SG process to apply for funds is somewhat restricting for students because it's a very small amount and students must pay upfront and then be reimbursed.

Olivia Soileau

- No updates.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

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