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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

4/22/2024 1:30 PM | *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, Bobi Delaney, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Jason Normand, Melissa LaBorde, Olivia Soileau

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Wednesday, April 24 – LSU Day at the Capital; resolutions supporting LSUA and the LSU System will be introduced by State Representatives from our area.
- Capital Outlay House Bill 2 was presented this morning, which includes funding for two of our proposed projects – the remaining funding for the Student Success Center and \$3 million for the downtown Health Education Campus.
- Tuesday, May 14 – President Tate will be visiting the Alexandria Rotary Club as well as LSUA. He will provide updates to Faculty, Staff, Deans, Cabinet, and SLT. Following his campus visit, we will have a reception for him that evening at Spirits.
- Thursday, May 16 – Spring 2024 Commencement at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum. Mary Werner will be the commencement speaker
- At Commencement, the Distinguished Service Award will be given posthumously to Professor and Dean Emeritus, Dr. Mary Treuting. Accepting on her behalf will be her husband, J.B. Treuting along with her two sons.
- Tuesday, June 18 – LSUA Annual Accomplishment Update at the Alexandria Rotary Club.
- The CLCU conference that was hosted on our campus went great and the discussion about the use of artificial intelligence inside and outside of the classroom was very revealing and interesting.
- Please be aware that I will be going on a pilgrimage in Spain the day after commencement for 2 weeks.
- I'm on the Board of Regents formula funding Advisory Review Committee and recommendations for improving the formula are being suggested and discussed.
- The next meeting of the Cabinet will be May 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- The search committee has completed a round of interviews with applicants for the QEP/Curriculum-to-Career Coordinator position and will be hosting campus visits next week. The candidates will make open presentations with our campus partners, so look for more information regarding that schedule.
- We held our very successful Employee Recognition Dinner last week. Congratulations to all award winners and nominees, on earning richly deserved recognition for their service. Dr. Nate Sammons, in his role as Assistant VC for Engaged Teaching & Learning, serves as the liaison for faculty who hold endowed professorships or chairs. Annual reports are due to the Provost's Office by June 30. Our office will be working with the Foundation and with Finance to update our internal policy so that we can reopen the applications for a fall presentation cycle to fill all open/eligible professorships.
- The Endowed Chair in Accounting (CAFF) is currently posted. The Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship has been rewritten to include an emphasis on AI and technology and will be posted as soon as it is approved by the donor's legal team.
- Starting summer 1, we will require an Academic Engagement Activity (AEA) in all courses, no matter the term length or modality. I've been making the rounds to meet with faculty in the academic units to share this update and answer any questions. This will be our consistent, single point of truth in reporting non-attendance for all class formats.
- Approval through LSU and President Tate's office to proceed with the launch of our fully online Education degree that leads to teaching certification. This aligns with our federal appropriations grant through Congresswoman Letlow's office.
- SLT has approved proceeding with naming the newly developed, 2nd-floor suite of resources in the library the Mary Boone Treuting Center for Engaged Teaching & Learning. This space includes an ETL conference room, and CORE research room, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and the office for the Assistant VC of Engaged Teaching and Learning. The naming proposal will be submitted in May to go before the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on June 28.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Registration is still looking strong with over 2,300 students registered. We are pushing reminders to students who haven't registered yet. Retention of FTF is also looking strong, currently at 43%, which is a few percentage points higher than last year.
- Housing is still looking strong, we have 210 housing applications (as of 4/18). Continue to remind those who need to live on campus to take care of business ASAP.
- We had the first Admitted Student Day on April 12th, and it was fantastic. We definitely shared the LSUA Family feel with our new Generals and their parents. We will do it again this Friday, April 26th. I really want to thank all of those who are helping to make sure this event is a success – it is a team effort.

- The Workday Team just finished three days of validating data. It was a good chance to review where we are and get the next *sprint* ready. Please remember this is a lot of time and focus for a number of us on campus.
- Take Back the Night is Wednesday the 24th. This is an important event we host in spring to bring awareness to sexual assault.
- Ambassadors wrapped up their “GOAT” week which is their week of training for orientation. This is an amazing group and I know they’re going to do well this summer. Ethan and Ashlee both put together a strong training agenda – they’ve met in the evening from 4-10 so I appreciate their time and effort to welcome our freshman class of 2024.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Aviation Updates –
 - 10 new students are enrolled in the Professional Aviation program for Fall 2024. Each of them has already signed up for Private Pilot Ground I and Private Pilot Flight I.
 - One of our current students, Robert Pickney, is scheduled to graduate from the Aviation Management program at the May commencement ceremony. He passed his Private Pilot knowledge test and check ride on April 12. He will be LSUA’s first Aviation graduate.
 - Planning to have an Open House Aviation Event on June 4 at the Million Air Building at England Airpark. Details will be provided soon.
 - I have emailed Col. William Cusack about a possible collaboration between Bolton High School’s Air Force JRROTC program and LSUA’s Professional Aviation program. He is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Bolton High and a retired United States Air Force veteran. He graduated from Louisiana Tech with a degree in Professional Aviation and also graduated from USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College. I had several meetings with him five or six years ago when we first started talking about developing an aviation program at LSUA. There are about 50 cadets in the JRROTC program.
 - I received an email from Mr. Gary Jones, Assistant Principal at Live Oak High School. The school has an aviation and aeronautics program that provides students the opportunity to earn the FAA drone certification or to earn hours towards becoming a licensed private pilot. He’s interested in collaborating with us. I have a Zoom meeting scheduled with him and his colleagues for next Monday.

Deron Thaxton

- Projects –
 - *Downtown Health Education Campus* – Programming and Design meeting today.
 - *Martin Family Student Success Center* – Last week, the construction crew was able to catch up on some work from the rain delays.
 - Fountain – The new LSUA letters are being added to the fountain in the Quad.

- Tomorrow – CENLA Day at the Capital
- Wednesday – LSU Day at the Capital
- Thursday – LSUA Leadership Meetings with LSUA presenting to the Board of Supervisors
- Briefly discussed the Department of Labor’s recommendation to increase the threshold and its potential impact on LSUA employees who meet that threshold and work overtime.

Melinda Anderson

- Tuesday, April 23 – Cenla Day at the Capitol – an excellent group from central LA to visit with Legislators and a private audience with the governor.
- Wednesday, April 24 – LSU Day at the Capitol – all 13 campuses will be present representing the power of the LSU system
- Wednesday, April 24 – on campus – DHH Opioid and Mental Health Symposium – 150 + people on campus – smile and be kind to visitors.
- Thursday, April 25 – Jefferson Hwy National Conference will have two tour buses on campus to tour the Epps House at 8:30 a.m. – please smile and be kind to guests on campus!
- Monday, April 29 – LSU System Upon Adjournment Reception in Baton Rouge – a time to see our legislators and support the system.
- Monday, May 6 – Baton Rouge - LSU School of Veterinary Medicine and LSUA/FFA/4-H signing of MOU –
- Thursday, May 9 – Alexandria – LSUA and LSU College of Engineering signing MOU – 3:00 p.m. Location: Roy O Martin
- Tuesday, May 14 – LSU President Tate on campus – will visit with all groups and then have a reception in Alexandria.

Adam Lord

- This Sunday - *The Advocate* article on enrollment growth at LSUA
- Next Thursday at 1:00 p.m. – Abbey as a panelist on the NEXT Office Hour podcast (national audience)
- Going to pick up the AP Style Guide tip sheet from Quick Print today.
- About to start our last cycle of paid LSUA marketing this fiscal year (focusing on all the ways we use technology to do cool stuff while learning).

Tyler Unsicker

- Friday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m. – Golf Tournament
- Monday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. – Tanky’s - All are invited to attend the event.
- May 2-5 – RRAC Softball tournament at LCU – LSUA hosting in conjunction with LCU.
- Tuesday, April 23 at noon – Rotary trophy presentation

Don Collins

- When scheduling events in 25 Live, please ensure to provide an exact or expected number of guests to facilitate accurate planning and coordination with LSUA PD.

Shelly Gill

- Application Report: Summer applications are up 40.2% and fall up 21.67%
- DE Registration has started. For Fall 2024, the cost of DE is increasing to \$50/credit hour; Fall 2025: \$75/credit hour; Fall 2026: \$100/credit hour
- Enrollment Management and the Provost met with Bolton Academy – to investigate DE opportunities.
- It is Scholarship Presentation Season in our office.
- Garrett Eley has been hired as our new Director of Recruiting and starts May 6.
- Moriah Dorsey has transitioned to the new FTF admissions processor position in our office. This opens a position for a Recruiter. It is posted, so please encourage any interested to apply – even those who may graduate in May.
- Darylniece Jackson joined our team as the Admissions Operations Coordinator.

Bob Delaney

- Next week will start interviewing for Student Records System Manager.
- 441 Students are currently in certified status and expected to graduate.
- As of Friday, transcripts evaluators were 100% completely caught up with no outstanding transcripts
- All course additions and section change requests are current
- The team met and made decisions on 5 outstanding prior semester withdrawal requests, and now we have established a monthly meeting to evaluate these requests.
- I am working with Auxiliary Services to order some replacement classroom furniture. After reviewing classroom usage information, we have made our first recommendation for the purchase.

Connie Cooper

- Nursing Department Collaboration – Reviewing course outlines and working with the nursing department to develop strategies to deepen the knowledge of students as it pertains to patient care and outcomes for diverse populations.

Kelly Pepper

- Attending the Charitable Estate Planning Institute next week in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Thursday, May 23 – LSUA Foundation Board Meeting at 8:00 a.m. in Live Oaks
- Tuesday, September 24 – Shrimp Jam at 5:30 p.m. at the Randolph River Center

Jason Normand

- IET projects still underway –
 - Okta Implementation
 - Security Cameras Across Campus
 - Avoyelles Building Rewiring
 - Signal Vine Implementation
 - Workday DC Files

Melissa LaBorde

- Faculty are at the bottom of evaluations with the end of the semester.
- The faculty are getting ready for finals week.
- Today was the small luncheon for comm graduates/faculty and our students are going to go on and do great things following commencement!

Olivia Soileau

- Thursday, May 16 – Spring 2024 Commencement at Rapides Parish Coliseum at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

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