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## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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5/8/2024 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, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Shelly Gill, Bobi Delaney, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Susan Bowers, Melissa LaBorde, Olivia Soileau

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

- The campus-wide evaluations for campus administrators and unit/division leaders were highly successful, with the highest return rate we have ever had. Thank you to everyone who participated, we sincerely appreciate the feedback.
- President Tate will be attending and speaking at Rotary on Tuesday, May 14. After Rotary, he will come to campus for a faculty/staff forum, meet with the Cabinet, meet with the deans, and meet with SLT.
- The Board of Regents is still looking at a 5-year formula funding agreement, and they are currently seeking input from all system campuses.
- Tuesday, June 18 – LSUA Rotary Day with SLT presenting
- Wednesday, May 15 – Graduate Reception in the Ballroom/Quad
- Thursday, May 16 – Spring 2024 Commencement at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum. There will be quite a few guests attending the ceremony including J.B. Treuting to accept the posthumous Distinguished Service Award for Dr. Mary Treuting.
- Tuesday, September 24 – Please make sure to have the Shrimp Jam on your calendar The guest speaker will be LSU Men's Basketball Coach, Matt McMahan.
- We are continuing to work on resolving the city's sewer line transfer from LSUA to the City of Alexandria.
- Reminder that I will be out of the country from May 17-31.
- The next meeting will be May 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

### **Dr. Elizabeth Beard**

- Our visit to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine on Monday was excellent. Dean Oliver Garden hosted our group through a full facility tour and presentation/ceremony. It is abundantly clear that this partnership is important and valuable to them, as it is to LSUA.
- At 3 pm on Thursday, May 9 at the Roy O. Martin building we will celebrate the development of our MOU with the LSU College of Engineering for a direct pathway from pre-engineering at LSUA to completion of bachelor's degrees in engineering programs at LSU A&M. The MOU applies to engineering degrees in civil, chemical, computer science, electrical, and industrial engineering. All of our LSUA faculty and staff are invited to attend the press conference and celebration.
- Dr. Coreil and Liz Beard met with the education coordinator at Ft. Johnson to continue conversations regarding degree offerings to military personnel and their families. Through surveys of their personnel, the Ft. Johnson coordinator identified Sports Management as a degree with potential interest, so we will likely use that degree as a way to reestablish that partnership and continue to explore additional opportunities for degree offerings.
- A second candidate for the C2C Coordinator position will visit LSUA on Thursday, May 9. Her campus presentation is in Mulder 231 at noon.
- We are working to hire faculty to keep pace with our growth and have new faculty hires or searches in almost all departments on campus. Our Senior Leadership is committed to making certain that we maintain the faculty team to ensure our quality delivery of education.

### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- Fall enrollment is at 3,000 students (up about 40% year to year) – looking very strong on campus and online
- Summer enrollment is at 2,600 (up about 50%) year to year. On-campus enrollment is looking steady but online is up tremendously.
- Housing already has 200 contracts signed and 283 applications submitted. Keep in mind there are 250 beds. We are calling the freshman who have done their application but not signed their contract to remind them to take care of it and ensure their bed.
- Orientation registration is also looking steady. Please follow up with Ashlee Hatwig if you present at Parent Orientation because we'd like to make some adjustments and ensure parents are getting strong information during their time on campus.
- Earlier this year we were told BoR would disburse funds for mental health. We are hoping to receive those in the next few weeks.

## **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- I submitted our completed Academic Planning Document to LSU's Office of Academic Affairs yesterday. This document indicates which new degree programs we wish to develop over the next three years and provides detailed information about each proposed degree. If this document is approved by the BOS and the BOR, we are permitted to develop and submit full program proposals for the degrees listed for Year 1: BS in Disaster Science and Emergency Management; BS in Cybersecurity, and BA in Biology. The planning document also provides enrollment and graduation rates for LSUA degree programs approved over the last five years.
- I'm giving a presentation about the Spero program to the staff of the Central Louisiana Human Services District tomorrow morning at their request. The mission of this office is to increase public awareness of and to provide access to individuals with behavioral health and intellectual disabilities to integrated community-based services.
- Our Aviation Open House has been scheduled for June 4 at the Million Air Building. I'm continuing to meet with parents and prospective students interested in enrolling in aviation for the fall. I've met with William Cusick, one of the Airforce JROTC instructors at Bolton Academy about possible collaborations with LSUA's aviation program.

## **Deron Thaxton**

- SACSCOC Evaluation Update – Report demonstrates a stable financial base to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services (core requirement).
- Year-end deadlines have been sent out last week – please review and forward to all of your staff. Expense reports for LaCarte purchases need to be submitted as soon as the transaction is completed.
- Online revenue will be restricted prior to the end of this year.
- Mary Lemoine retired a couple of weeks ago. The big change now is selecting a sourcing buyer in Workday. It will now need to be an LSU buyer, which you can choose from this list: [Requisition Sourcing Buyers](#). If you have any questions or issues regarding procurement services, please reach out to Shuntel Warner who is leading those efforts at the moment.
- Tuition Fee Autonomy, which is for us to increase tuition on high-cost programs, is moving forward with lots of support.
- Thanks to everyone who submitted a campus-wide evaluation for campus administrators. There was a significantly higher response rate than we have seen in past years.
- State budget cuts – we are still at a 3.6% cut for next year's budget.
- Projects –
  - ***Martin Family Student Success Center*** – The drilling of all the foundational piers is now complete, and they are beginning the process of laying the foundation.

- *Health Education Campus* – Programming design is moving quickly and we have toured multiple buildings across the state and Texas. Started doing client interview meetings with Nursing, Allied Health, and Facilities to discuss the needs of the building.
- Tower – The project has to be re-bid so the timeline will be somewhat delayed.
- Street Overlay – Design is near completion and will go out to bid shortly.
- Received a new Ford Explorer and Chad Gauthier will be in touch with Chase Dyess to get the vehicle wrapped in LSUA branding.
- The Chrysler 300 is back in the shop again.
- The new letters for the fountain logo in the Quad are near completion.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Successful Vet School Tour and MOU signing on this past Monday. LSU welcomed us with the purple carpet treatment. Outstanding collaboration.
- We have the LSU/LSUA Pre-Engineering Program MOU signing on Thursday at ROM Headquarters. LSU Provost and Dean of Engineering will be coming in for that event.
- Thank you to Adam and his team for assisting with the joint press releases and coverage of these events – lots of emails and phone calls!
- LSU President Tate will be in town on May 14 – beginning with speaking at Rotary, then followed up by the Faculty/Staff Forum at 2:15 in Coughlin; Cabinet/Deans Forum in Live Oaks; then the Tate/SLT meeting. Please make every effort to attend these forums.
- Spring 2024 Commencement – Thursday, May 16.
- Governor Landry’s office will be having a two-day meeting here on June 18-19 with about 40 people in attendance.
- Steubenville South will be on campus in The Fort on June 21-23 with 300 high school students.

### **Adam Lord**

- Softball Champions up on our billboards this week!
- Video requests –
  - Please encourage people to submit requests through the system so Nathan can weigh in before you make plans that he cannot complete.
  - While we all love Dr. Coreil, we need to be thoughtful of his time. Not every video needs to feature him speaking into the camera. Think about if someone else would better fit the message and audience.
- Deron – Need Audiio.com contract. They will register as an LSU vendor. We can get approval for a drone shot of campus with enough notice to the FAA.
- Abbey’s panel discussion on Jeff Selingo’s podcast was fantastic. Jeff just sent the recap email with a link to the video. I will send that out to Faculty and Staff this week.

- AP Style Tip Sheet – The LSU System uses AP style for all external writing. We know that not everyone was training in AP style, so as we are editing and utilizing content people have written, we find people generally make the same errors in style. So, we have created a short tip sheet you can keep in your desk as a reference at-a-glance to ensure you are helping us communicate consistently with stakeholders in the community.
- “Recruited” two soccer girls from New Orleans on the sideline of a soccer game this Sunday in Baton Rouge. Both had attended one of Coach Mark’s ID camps. Both are very interested in LSUA.

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Softball won the RRAC Softball tournament over the weekend.
- Softball to Chickasha, OK for National Tournament next week
- Tennis to Mobile, AL for National Tournament next week
- Graduation for 5 Tennis and 4 Softball student-athletes on Thursday, May 9 at 10 a.m.
- Send off for both Tennis and Softball on Friday, May 10 at 11 a.m.

### **Shelly Gill**

- We are up 14.5% day-to-day for Fall.
- Starting to receive the LSU referral list with about 55 applications and 41 have completed an intent to enroll form. These are students who applied to LSU and did not meet their requirements but met ours.
- Started receiving FAFSA for both new and renewals – up 14% total.
- Garrett Eley, the new Director of Admissions, started on Monday.
- Interviews for the last recruiter position will begin soon.
- Our second Admitted Student Day went well. Thanks to everyone who helped out!
- Guests from Japan’s Komazawa University will be visiting the campus on May 23-24.
- Summer recruiting retreats will start in June.
- Continuing to work on Workday Student. A reminder that this will be some changes once this is implemented.
- Some of the other colleges are interested in starting up a partnership similar to Educators Rising – such as the College of Business with the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

### **Bob Delaney**

- Commencement Updates –
  - Prepping for commencement with a total of 446 students in certified status.
  - Graduate cards have arrived, which state their name and major. It is what allows their name to be shown on the screen when they walk across the stage.
  - The program has been sent to the printer.

- Grading is open and we are working through some changes with it being done through Moodle now.
- Revising and updating the language in some of our policies to add clarity to the catalog that will come out in July.

### **Connie Cooper**

- Nursing Department Collaboration – Collaborating with the nursing department to provide DEI guidance for its accreditation process in 2029.
- Search Committee Education – Continuing to provide search committee best practices and guiding principles.
- CRCA Website Updates – Continuing to work on the website to align with the rebranding of the office to mirror the work that the office produces.

### **Kelly Pepper**

- The next Foundation Board meeting is Thursday, May 23 at 8:00 a.m. in Live Oaks Conference Room.
- Shoutout to Daniel Manuel for partaking in community engagement by joining the group 100 Men Who Care. Our Generals Emergency Fund currently lacks a dedicated funding source. Last night, we were invited to pitch this fund to 100 Men Who Care. Although we were not selected, we successfully raised awareness about this fund and received a positive response.

### **Dr. Susan Bowers**

- The signing of the LSUA and LSU School of Veterinary Medicine MOU was extremely successful. It was followed by an in-depth tour of the school and we were able to visit with the 3 LSUA alumni who are currently in vet school.
- Career Champions – Going to New Orleans on Friday to tour the Allied Health simulation labs and visit the NOLA Museum of Art.

### **Melissa LaBorde**

- The faculty are staying busy with their grading tasks.
- The event last week at the AMoA for Career Champions went very well.
- The Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates (ALFS) met on campus last weekend.
- Daniel Tirone from LSU has been keeping the faculty updated on all of the Legislative bills that may impact the campuses.
- COFA has continued meetings and plans to schedule a meeting with President Tate and Roy Haggerty – the date is TBD.
- We continue to receive numerous requests for internships but are having difficulty finding qualified students. We are working steadily to fill these positions.

- Kudos to the Registrar's Office for getting transcripts evaluated for the students promptly.

**Olivia Soileau**

- No update.

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau*

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