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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

6/3/2024 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Nathan Parish, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Olivia Soileau

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Make sure to complete the mandatory training that is due in September.
- President Tate's visit to Rotary and campus went very well.
- The LSU and LSUA Pre-Engineering MOU signing went great at Roy O. Martin headquarters.
- Tuesday, June 11 – Representative Mike Johnson will be speaking at Rotary
- Tuesday, June 18 – LSUA Rotary Day with SLT presenting
- The Spring 2024 Commencement was done very well.
- The next meeting will be June 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Enrollment Update for fall –
 - Overall is 3,437 w/ 267 freshmen already registered
 - On-campus is 1,484 (up 8%) and online enrollment is 1,953 (up 78%)
 - Retention of FTF from 2023 to 2024 is looking strong at 57% (2 percentage points higher than last year)
 - Candace sent the application report earlier but were up 32% in applications for the summer and up 14% for the fall.
- Summer enrollment is very strong with 2,766 students registered, which is 46% higher than last year
- Reminder we have three orientations and the first session is coming up this month, June 21st. The second session is July 19th and the last session is August 23rd. Ethan has been in communication with academic departments to remind them about their session. We've also worked closely with Strategic Communications to build new videos to share the LSUA

history with our new Generals. The LSU School of Music re-recorded the Alma Mater with a brass quintet, and it sounds amazing. This will also be shared at orientation so new students can begin learning the alma mater. We want this to deepen their connection to the university and develop a sense of pride early on in their experience. The first session has about 180 students registered.

- Housing is looking very full. We are already on a waitlist with 342 applications submitted and 259 contracts signed. We are working hard with community members on a plan to address housing needs.
- Student Life is planning for fall events, be on the lookout for information or opportunities to volunteer for weeks of welcome. If you have an event this fall, please make sure you have it on the calendar (Haylee Malone will post student engagement and Mona Wallace will post academic affairs events) so we can try to avoid duplication of days/times.
- Advising is continuing to provide outreach and support to students who have and have not made their fall schedule. We are also following up with freshmen who don't have 15 credit hours to make a course recommendation.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- The Search Committee for the Dean of Natural Science and Mathematics position has been formed; committee members are currently vetting applicants.
- Jan Schmitt joins LSUA on June 16 as our Curriculum to Career Coordinator. This new position involves providing leadership for LSUA's QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) and overseeing the implementation of the plan.
- Continuing Education Updates –
 - Hosting a three-day supervisor institute in partnership with LSU Continuing Education. Industry partners and LSUA leadership have filled all available slots.
 - The CAPS program will be hosted for 3rd-8th graders during the week of July 22.
- Aviation Open House takes place at the Million Air Building (at England Airpark) from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. For the fall, 18 new students have enrolled in the program and already have their courses scheduled.
- Brittany Soden, Trevor Ewing, and I attended the annual SEPSEA conference in Clearwater, Florida, from May 22 to May 24. SPEPSEA is the Southeast Post-Secondary Education Alliance, an organization that supports post-secondary educational programs for students with intellectual disabilities. The conference provided us with opportunities to liaise with program directors and staff members from other colleges and universities and to learn about best practices in this growing field.

Deron Thaxton

- Hosted two forums regarding the upcoming FLSA overtime rule changes last week.
- Projects –
 - **Health Education Campus** – Received our final programming report on Friday. The next step is officially sending the report to facilities planning, where we will have a chance to comment on any changes. Following that, it will go to design and development.
 - **Student Success Center** – Despite the rain, the construction crew has poured lots of concrete underground and the project is moving along.
- House Bill 862 – Gives autonomy for tuition increases up to 10% over a 2-year period in high-cost programs. The Board of Regents is still defining what the high-cost programs are so we should know more soon.
 - * Draft of **Policy Statement 289 – Overtime** was sent out to Cabinet by Deron for review and approval. Kelly Pepper moved to approve the draft, which was seconded by Connie Cooper. Following discussion, the motion was carried, and approved by the Cabinet. Please review here: [Policy Statement 289 - Overtime](#) *

Melinda Anderson

- Working on Rotary speakers with Dr. Coreil for this month – tomorrow Andy Haas from FUEL will report; next Tuesday Speaker of the House of Representatives Mike Johnson will provide a legislative update; and the following Tuesday will be the LSUA team update with SLT reporting.
- The Governor’s Office will be having a 2-day meeting here – 18/19 – be welcoming!
- The Steubenville South high school group will be on campus June 21, 22, and 23 – sleeping and showering in The Fort.
- Manna House Service Day – Friday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m. -1:15 p.m. Please let student organizations who are looking for service opportunities that this is a great one!

Nathan Parish - On behalf of Adam Lord

- Chase Dyess has been working on the new Generals Briefing, which will be out to print sometime this week.

Tyler Unsicker

- Finished City of Alexandria Free Youth clinics with Baseball and Softball.
- Soccer Dugouts are in the process of being built.
- Summer Book Read – “*How Full Is Your Bucket*”
- Thursday, June 13 – Athletics Clean Up Day

Don Collins

- Personnel Update – Hired a new Police Officer, Brandon Bryan.
- The campus sustained only minor damage from the storm, limited to a power outage on the south end of the campus.
- Two of our new patrol units have been updated with audio capabilities for issuing commands as well as providing instructions in the event of an emergency.
- We will begin our training at the range here shortly.
- The camera units are all functioning properly, and IET will be installing new monitors for easier viewing.
- Please be mindful of your surroundings on campus due to wildlife. The recent high water and heavy rain have increased sightings of alligators and snakes.

Chad Gauthier

- Weather –
 - Predicting a very active season. One model has a disturbance entering the Gulf next week.
 - Seeing tornadoes popping up from these smaller storms.
- Facility Services –
 - Tower Project –ABW – Have to rebid the project. Working with LSU
 - Street Overlay Project – Monceaux design – Waiting on a bid date to be set.
 - Parking Lot 7 – Have to rebid the project. Working with LSU
 - ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant - Construction has begun. Should start digging footings this week. Expecting a slab in about 2-3 weeks.
 - Many other projects across campus will be taking place these next few months - Fitness Center, Abrams Hall, Science, Ballroom, Avoyelles, Athletics, fountain revamp.
 - Avoyelles – Construction underway. New doors in place, all old heaters, and ACs out, walls repaired. Ready for sheetrock work and paint.
 - Health Education Campus – ABW Architects. Programming has begun. Will soon be moving into design and development. Waiting on FP&C for final markup. On track to bid next Spring.
 - Chrysler 300 – Currently still in the shop. Walker Dodge cannot find the problem. They are awaiting a ticket from a higher-level technician.
 - LSUA Fountain – Painting should begin this week. The Fountain will be drained and off during the time it takes to reseal and repaint it and allow it to dry completely.
- Risk Management – Nothing to report at this time.

Connie Cooper

- COPE, Inc. & Trio Programs – Reminder that COPE, Inc. will be on campus June 10 – July 19. Move-in Day is today and move-out day is July 29. Connie Cooper is the lead coordinator/liaison and Michelle Ducote is the second lead coordinator/liaison. Special

thanks to Dr. Dupont, Chad Gauthier, Jason Norman, Dr. Sammons, Garrett Eley, Kristen Miller, and Chief Collins for their support with logistics and planning.

- Office of CRCA fall planning underway.
- DEI education for Leadership Cenla and United Way went well – 31 total trained. DEI education for the Cenla Community Action Committee (CCAC) and a workshop for all local Non-Profits affiliated with United Way are on deck.
- Staff Senate Updates –
 - Elections begin tomorrow and results will be announced Wednesday. Our president-elect is Mechelle Williams. The new administration will be sworn in on June 27th at noon by Judge David Williams.
 - Staff Senate luncheon slated for June 6th at 11:30 a.m. at the Cottage Restaurant to close out the current Staff Senate administration.

Kelly Pepper

- Monday, June 10 – The AMoA Board Meeting. If you have any items you want to share or business for the board, please let us know.
- The end of the fiscal year is approaching, please make sure you process payments to Foundation accounts and turn in receipts prior to June 30th. If you need any information on Foundation accounts, please let us know.
- The Shrimp Jam committee is currently working on auction items for the event on September 24. We would appreciate help from the cabinet on auction items and will keep you posted.

Olivia Soileau

- No update.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

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