



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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8/26/2024 2:00 PM | *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, Shelly Gill, Bobi Delaney, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Cynthia Thomas, Dr. Susan Bowers, Olivia Soileau

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#### **Approval for GAEDA Grant Application**

Tyler Unsicker was unable to attend the Cabinet meeting due to a prior commitment. He submitted a statement, which was shared by Melinda Anderson.

In his statement, Tyler reported that the Athletic Department is preparing to submit GAEDA Grant applications. As part of the application process, the meeting minutes must include authorization for the department's director or board officers to apply for the grants.

Melinda Anderson inquired whether Tyler had Cabinet approval to apply for the GAEDA Grants. Dr. Abbey Bain made a motion to grant Tyler the necessary approval. Chad Gauthier seconded the motion. With no objections, the motion was passed unanimously.

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

- Welcomed Dr. Cynthia Thomas who has joined the Cabinet as the new Faculty Senate President, succeeding Dr. Julie Gill.
- Tentative enrollment figures indicate that we can move forward with a recurring merit pay raise, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>. The average increase will be 3%, although individual raises will vary based on merit.
- As part of our ongoing Campus Edge initiative, Deron Thaxton and Dr. Abbey Bain are collaborating with a potential partner who is considering helping us build apartments. We aim to present a proposal to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in December.

- We are receiving positive feedback on potentially implementing a spring high-cost tuition/fee increase. The additional revenue would support key campus initiatives. A final decision will be made in mid-September.
- I have a Zoom meeting scheduled with President Tate tomorrow over Zoom to discuss LSUA updates and initiatives.
- I am unable to attend the next BOS meeting; Dr. Liz Beard will be representing LSUA and me at this meeting.
- The next meeting will be on September 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

### **Dr. Elizabeth Beard**

- Continuing to prep for our SACSCOC on-site visit – the group will be on campus from September 30 – October 3.
- Our QEP team has been meeting with faculty groups and hosting workshops for the Command Your Career Campaign.
- Thank you to our faculty for their flexibility and adaptability in response to our enrollment growth.
- Continuing Education –
  - Alisha Ferrington is doing a great job with the Continuing Education Department. We have received significant positive feedback regarding the recent Children’s Academic Program for Summer (CAPS) held on campus this summer.
  - Our Robotics Program will now be hosted by our Continuing Education.
  - Two programs gaining lots of positive feedback from the community are the paralegal and CNA programs.
  - Leadership CenLa will be on campus this Thursday, and I will be presenting to them.
- Cieltia Adams has started a program that requires the tutors to undergo professional development training to be certified at different levels.

### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- Enrollment is currently 6,616 students! About 1,000 DE students and almost 600 are freshmen. Retention is looking strong, currently at 70% but we expect that to fall closer to 67-68% by census.
- Tomorrow at 11:00 we will hold a fun opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to sign a beam that will be installed in the new building! Please make sure to attend and spread the word.
- We had an awesome move-in day last Thursday. I want to thank Hannah and Jashira because we have never had a move-in day that ran so smoothly. The rooms were ready, the guests knew expectations, and RA’s were so well prepared for questions or issues. I am so proud of the 100+ volunteers who came to help our residents move in. This means so much, and I heard from many parents their day was going well because of your help. Thank you to everyone involved.

- The last orientation had over 200 students and then international student orientation also took place on Friday. It is a big day, and I thank everyone involved.
- We have 90 international students this year and 48 are brand new to LSUA – this is amazing. Thanks to Nina and Shelly.
- Weeks of Welcome is underway. We have around 40 events during the first two weeks that Haylee Malone, Caleb, and Lacy coordinate and spearhead. I know a lot of others get involved, too, so thank you! This means a lot to our students and sets the tone for a fun and successful semester.
- Please join me in congratulating Ashlee Hatwig on her promotion to Director of Recruitment.

### **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- SACSCOC –
  - Submitted the focus report a week ago.
  - I have been in touch with members of the on-site committee and sent them travel information forms.
- Aviation –
  - Currently have 53 students enrolled in aviation courses – 37 out of the 53 are enrolled in flight courses. Out of the 37 enrolled, 24 are new students.
  - Last Thursday, there was an Aviation orientation at England Airpark. Awards were presented to students who earned their private pilot's license or instrument rating over the last semester.
  - Looking at potentially making an adjustment to the fee structure for the program.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- Introduced and welcomed the new Director of Human Resources, Merlin “Charlie” Dupont. He will also be joining the Chancellor’s Cabinet to stay informed and provide regular HR updates.
- Projects –
  - ***Martin Family Student Success Center*** – A beam signing will take place tomorrow in front of Abrams Hall and will remain open through the end of the day on Wednesday, August 28. Please encourage students, faculty, and staff to participate and leave their mark on a beam that will become part of the new Martin Family Student Success Center.
  - ***Health Education Campus*** – Moving forward on the design phase with significant progress already made.
  - ***Tower*** – Construction will begin this Fall semester.
  - ***Lot 7*** – Scheduled to start this Fall semester.
- With increased enrollment and new faculty and staff hires, we are actively exploring solutions to address the parking challenges on campus. Also, we are looking at course

scheduling and the possibility of not scheduling so many classes at 9 and 11 a.m. Due to our continued growth, we may need to distribute class times more evenly throughout the day to help accommodate these parking issues.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Thanks to those who assisted with the Career Compass luncheon at The Rapides Foundation. I understand it was a tremendous success.
- Congratulations to Adam and the team for the Bizzy Award! Great work and well deserved.
- Senator Cassidy luncheon today – several shout-outs to LSUA. Always a good thing to be able to thank our US congressman!
- Cooking with Coreil – we are planning to serve 600 on Wednesday! Biggest number yet.
- Thursday, August 29 – We will have the US Senator Kennedy Chamber luncheon. Again, another time to thank our US congressman.
- Dr. Oliver Garden, Dean of the LSU Vet School will be speaking at Alexandria Rotary on Tuesday, September 10.
- Wednesday, September 18 – Hosting the Central LA delegation for an LSUA update. This will be held at the Alexandria Museum of Art from 11-1. We have had a good response to this invitation.
- September 24 – Shrimp Jam – please get your tickets!
- Friday, September 27 – An opportunity for community service at Manna House. Please let Connie Cooper know if you are interested. Thankfully she will be point since I will be out of town.
- Please don't forget to complete all mandatory training by the end of September.

### **Adam Lord**

- Shoutout to the StratComms team for being honored with this year's Bizzy Award for Best Marketing Campaign. I want to thank Dr. Coreil, SLT, and everyone on this Cabinet for your continued support for the work we do.
- In our line of work, first impressions are everything. We spent the first hour of the day picking up, moving, and storing things away that are not the first look we want people to see when they walk in the door. Let's encourage our staff and direct reports to think about how our spaces look.
- The directional signage this morning was a great way to accommodate new students on campus
- VP of Marketing at LSU, Todd Woodward, is now holding system-wide Comms meetings once a month. Should be good for helping open communication. Looking at options for enterprise-level solutions for commonly used software, etc. He invited our team to the SEC marketing conference in BR in the Spring.

## **Shelly Gill**

- Application Report – Current increase of 25% over Fall 2023. We are still accepting applications for Fall ELearn2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> session.
- Anticipating DE enrollment to be over 1,000 this fall.
- Change of Recruiting Leadership – Ashlee Hatwig will join the team as Director of Recruiting on September 10.
- Looking to fill a position for Admissions Front Desk/Abrams Front Desk.
- Recruiters have been attending State-wide Articulation Workshops.
- College Fairs for High School students begin September 3. The first fairs will be around the areas of Baton Rouge and Monroe.

## **Bob Delaney**

- Thank Faculty for cooperation with room assignments
- The goal is to assign room prior to registration for spring
- AEA due Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. 8/28/24 EL1/Session 1
- Drop for non-attendance 8/29/24 EL1/Session 1
- AEA due 9/1/24 full session
- Drop for non-attendance 9/3/24
- Students will receive an email and be given 24 hours to be added back...after 24 hours, students are required to have the instructor's permission.

## **Chad Gauthier**

- Weather – No Tropical activity is expected at this time.
- Facility Services –
  - Entrance Tower Project –ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330.
  - Street Overlay Project – Monceaux – Bid Awarded to TL Construction \$896,500.
  - Parking Lot 7 – MMLH – Contractor - Progressive Construction Company \$604,640. Pre-construction meeting next week.
  - ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant – Steel construction is continuing this week.
  - Health Education Downtown Campus – ABW Architects. On-going design meetings. On track to bid in the Spring.
  - LSUA Fountain – trouble with backlighting the original sign. Chase is looking at other sign options.
  - Roadway Lighting - \$250,000 from the state – Mark Neely from ADG will design.
  - Baseball/Softball Locker Rooms – Jim Weinzettle will design.
  - Outpost New Entrance – The landing is built, and the window has been removed. Handrails, new storefront, and overhang to be installed.

- Testing center updates – Floors, paint. We have to schedule the carpet for Prometric end of September. Floors, paint.
- Many additional smaller in-house projects throughout campus.
- Risk Management – Quarterly Safety Newsletter sent out.

### **Connie Cooper**

- Programs and Initiatives –
- The Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month Program confirmed for September 18 at noon in the ballroom. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. The keynote is Lindsey Navarro, MBA Founder and Executive Director of El Centro in New Orleans.
- Sisters Like Me: Black Girl Magic at LSUA is confirmed for October 17 at 5:30 pm in the ballroom. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Keynote is Dr. Monica “Moe” Anderson, DDS from Dallas, TX.
- Education –The Alexandria Zoo requested training which the CRCA will provide. We meet with the Zoo DEIA team next week to review the training guide and determine which workshops are the most relevant for their needs.
- Continuing to update the CRCA website.

### **Kelly Pepper**

- The LSUA Foundation quarterly board meeting will take place Thursday, August 29 at 8 a.m. in the Live Oaks Conference Room.
- The LSUA Foundation apparel store has new merchandise, please share with your network.
- Shrimp Jam Updates –
- Shrimp Jam tickets and tables are still available and can be purchased at this link: [www.lsuagenerals/shrimpjam](http://www.lsuagenerals/shrimpjam).
- We will take auction items until September 20<sup>th</sup>. If you need us to pick them up, please contact the LSUA Foundation staff.
- We will host a steel signing event in February with a hard hat walk-through for all donors who supported the Martin Family Student Success Center.

### **Dr. Cynthia Thomas**

- A transition meeting with Dr. Julie Gill is scheduled for later this week.
- We are currently working to determine the most suitable days for Faculty Senate meetings.

### **Dr. Susan Bowers**

- New Faculty Orientation went well and everyone had a positive attitude.
- The All Faculty Meeting and CTE went smoothly. Thanks to Facilities and Chartwells for ensuring that the setup and catering were good to go.

- Career Champions will commence their second cohort this semester.
- The Ask Me Tables have been very effective in assisting our students.

**Olivia Soileau**

- No update.

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau*

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