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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

9/25/2024 10:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Bobi Delaney, Chad Gauthier, Kelly Pepper, Jason Normand, Dr. Cynthia Thomas, Dr. Susan Bowers, Dr. Julie Gill, Olivia Soileau

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- The community support at last night's Shrimp Jam was truly inspiring. A big thank you to Tyler Unsicker, the Foundation, and everyone who contributed to the success of this fundraising event.
- The next meeting will be on October 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- Continuing to prep for our SACSCOC on-site visit next week – special thanks to Dr. Halpin for all of his hard work.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Census number was 6,815 – which is just amazing. There is a lot of excitement from our campus and community—we're all so proud of the work happening. As of right now, we have just over 6,900 students.
- Monday, Oct. 7th we will celebrate the Children's Center and 25 years since its dedication. This will be a special time to look at the success the Center has had and celebrate many of the first teachers who were involved. The event will be at 9:30 so please make sure to come by.
- We will have our first Total U next Tuesday, October 1st. Please encourage your students in class, student organizations, student workers, etc.- to attend.
- We are working on a new program called Generals on the Geaux where we bring a small team of LSUA to different communities to present to their school principals, counselors, superintendents, etc. to share all of the exciting things happening on our campus. We may ask to pull in different faculty/staff from certain areas as these are planned.

Deron Thaxton

- Merit raises – The campus average is 3% and those letters went in the mail Monday afternoon.
- Reminder that students enrolled in 100% online programs are not eligible for scholarships managed by the university – other than TOPS.
- Workday –
 - We will host cohort 2, LSUA and LSUS, Workday implementation on November 12-14. There will be multiple individuals on campus from LSUS.
 - Select individuals on campus will have a presentation on Workday Student to demonstrate an overview of where we are in the project.
- *Downtown Health Education Campus* – The schematic design phase has been completed and submitted. The project is now moving directly into the design and development phase.

Adam Lord

- Enrollment Announcement Stats –
 - Facebook = 31,230 Impressions / 6,265 Engagements
 - Instagram, X, and LinkedIn = 12,682 views
 - 7 Press Interviews across print, television, and radio – wide distribution of the release.
- We are working toward a soft launch of the new site at the end of the semester.
- I am working on writing bios. Some of you received the second form link from me that works.
- I mentioned needing a way to convey some of the big picture, history, and brand themes to both new employees and those who have been here. I am working on a “training module” for that.
- Faculty and Staff Senates have a link on the StratComms site to submit minutes for the website (I will have Brianne reach out to you directly with the link and instructions).

Tyler Unsicker

- Shrimp Jam was a huge success. Great representation of our university to the community.
- Soccer is in full swing. We host conference games on Thursday and Saturday this week.

Don Collins

- No update.

Shelly Gill

- LSUA currently has 100 active students on F1 Visa.
- Thank you to all faculty and staff who have or who are scheduled to attend Local Recruiting Events with our staff.

- Not too late to sign up for the Rapides Parish College Fair. There are still time slots available.
- We are encouraging departments/colleges to start developing collateral for events. Please do not wait until the very last minute to order or try to print these. Just a reminder that there are templates in Canva that are supported by Strat Comm.
- Admission Decisions for Fall 2025 are going out this week.
- Save the dates –
 - Rapides Parish School Board Nursing Initiative: October 15
 - Counselor Brunch: Wednesday, October 30
 - Large Campus Tour: Wednesday, November 6
 - Spend the Day at A: Saturday, November 16

Bobi Delaney

- We certified 498 graduates for Fall 2024 and are still adding to that list. We are projecting a Fall graduating class of more than 500.
- Commencement planning is in full swing. The webpage was updated and students were sent an email with important info on Monday, September 30.
- We are in the process of building Spring course sections and are expecting to have a draft ready for the Deans for review before publishing on October 4 in order to be ready for advising which begins October 7.

Chad Gauthier

- Weather –
 - Tropics remain somewhat busy at this time.
 - Hurricane Helene – no indication at this time Louisiana will have any impact from this storm.
- Facility Services –
 - Entrance Tower Project –ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330. – Potential start at the end of next month, early November.
 - Street Overlay Project – Monceaux – Bid Awarded to TL Construction \$896,500.
 - Parking Lot 7 – MMLH – Contractor - Progressive Construction Company \$604,640. The pre-construction meeting last week. Construction will begin potentially the week of December 2nd.
 - ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant – Steel construction is continuing. Decking and stairwells going up this week.
 - Health Education Downtown Campus – ABW Architects. On-going design meetings. On track to bid in Spring 2025.
 - Roadway Lighting - \$250,000 from the state – Mark Neely from ADG will design. Working on contracts.
 - Baseball/Softball Locker Rooms – Jim Weinzettle will design. Working on contracts

- Outpost New Entrance – The landing is built, and the window has been removed. Handrails, a new storefront, and an overhang are to be installed probably next week.
- Testing center updates – Only the carpet for Prometric is left, next week.
- DM Project – Campus HVAC Control replacement. AFC is around \$850,000. We plan to work with M&E on design.
- Many additional smaller in-house projects throughout campus.
- Risk Management – Board of Regents Safety Assessment is currently ongoing.

Charlie Dupont

- Thank you to everyone who assisted with catching up on welcome emails for new hires – we're nearly up to date! Please let me know if there's anyone I might have missed.

Kelly Pepper

- Many thanks to everyone who supported and sponsored the Shrimp Jam. The event saw an outstanding turnout, with great energy in the room throughout the evening. Special appreciation to our Foundation and GAA board members, and a heartfelt thank you to our Foundation Board Chair, Glenda Stock Smith, for her dedicated leadership and hard work.
- Planning is underway for a Planned Giving Breakfast on Tuesday, November 5, at Red River Bank, aimed at engaging financial advisors. This event will be held in partnership with the Cabrini Christus Foundation and the Central Louisiana Community Foundation.

Jason Normand

- Moving forward with a couple of new integrations – Maxient and T2 Parking.
- Workday Data Conversion – Data clean-up exercises continue, working closely with Admissions and Records.
- Workday Integrations – Should be able to begin testing some of our integrations in early November.
- Preparation taking place for the SACSCOC visit next week.

Dr. Cynthia Thomas

- Faculty Senate – Our first meeting will take place this afternoon.

Dr. Susan Bowers

- Career Champions Cohort 2 is about to begin with a heavy focus on using technology in the classroom.

Dr. Julie Gill

- Dr. Bowers and I will be dividing the colleges between us to ensure full representation. This approach will help ensure that each college's needs and requests are effectively communicated to the Cabinet. The faculty will receive an email with this update soon.

Olivia Soileau

- No update.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

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