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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

10/7/2024 2:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Adam Lord, Don Collins, Bobi Delaney, Chad Gauthier, Charlie Dupont, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Cynthia Thomas, Dr. Susan Bowers, Dr. Julie Gill, Olivia Soileau

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

Dr. Paul Coreil

- Thank you to everyone on campus for their efforts during last week's SACSCOC on-site visit. A special thanks to Dr. Eamon Halpin for his tireless work on the standards and for ensuring we were well-prepared. The SACSCOC team was very impressed with our campus and the work being done here.
- The legislature will enter a special session in November to review and potentially revise Louisiana's tax policies, which may or may not result in funding cuts to higher education.
- Governor Landry held a press conference at LSU last week where he signed an executive order on free speech.
- We are scheduled to present the Public-Private Partnership agreement for the apartments at the BOS meeting in December.
- The Rapides Parish Fair begins on Wednesday; please be mindful of increased traffic and community activity.
- I will be taking part in the Van Gough Gala by working with a local artist to create a painting that will be available for auction at the fundraising event on Saturday, October 26.
- The next meeting will be on October 24, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

- Tyler Unsicker's Updates –
 - We had our first City of Alexandria/LSUA Youth Clinic with Tennis on Saturday, October 5.
 - Midday Madness is this week on Wednesday, October 9 at noon in The Fort. Chartwells will provide lunch for free. Please come and meet the teams.

- There are two soccer games at home this week – Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. vs. LSUS and Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. vs. Texarkana.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- SACSCOC –
 - Thank you Dr. Halpin for taking on the role so well of being our SACSCOC liaison and making sure that we were fully prepared for their visit. We all appreciate the hard work you put in.
 - Thank you as well to everyone who contributed to preparing for the SACS team on-site visit – success truly takes a team effort!
 - We received excellent feedback on our QEP initiative, "Command Your Career," and the overall growth and success of LSUA.
 - There were 2 minor things that the team found that we need to follow up on:
 1. President Tate has not conducted a comprehensive written evaluation of Dr. Paul Coreil within the last five years, as required by board policy and SACS standards. None of the chancellors have received comprehensive evaluations, meaning we are all currently out of compliance in this area.
 2. Our mission statement is required to be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors every two years. The board last reviewed and revised our mission statement in 2022.
- The advising session started today so the faculty are preparing for spring courses. Working closely with the Registrar's Office to spread out the schedules.
- SLT received great feedback/updates from the Student Government for our annual once-a-semester breakfast meeting.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- We celebrated the Children's Center's 25th anniversary today. I appreciate Sarah Corley's leadership in planning a celebration – it was a great day with our original teachers in attendance and even one of our original students. Missy Laborde was instrumental in that endeavor so I really want to express my gratitude to her.
- Advising opened today; the spring calendar is viewable so students can put classes in carts. Please encourage students to make their advising appointments. Registration will open on October 21 for continuing students.
- Over 7,000 students officially enrolled!
- We are continuing to explore housing options for next year. We are currently planning to bunk many of the two-bedroom apartments so there would be four students in a two-bedroom apartment to help increase occupancy by about 50 students.
- Ethan Lipsey is in the final stages of hiring Ashlee Hatwig's replacement and the final stages of bringing on six new ambassadors, so we look forward to welcoming lots of new personnel to FYE soon.

- Trick or Treat Street is on Thursday, October 24th. Make sure to buy your tickets online ahead of time.
- Last week at Total U, we had over 260 students attend, which is amazing. The next and last Total U is going to be later this month on the 22nd. Please continue to encourage students to attend and give credit when you can, that means so much.
- Student Government meets weekly but meets specifically once a semester with SLT. We met this morning, and it was a great meeting to hear their feedback. There are some ideas that we'll definitely consider and bring to appropriate departments. I appreciate Haylee Malone for working closely with that group and organizing this event.
- Shelly Gill's Updates –
 - The Application Report was sent by Candace.
 - Thank you to all faculty and staff who have assisted with college fairs
 - Recruiting is busy planning events –
 - Peabody Magnet HS Homecoming Parade – October 5
 - Generals on the Geaux, Sabine Parish – October 23
 - HS Counselor Brunch – October 30
 - Together Tuesday – November 12
 - Spend the Day at A – November 16
 - LSUA has been ranked in US News & World Report
 - #47 in Regional Colleges South
 - #17 in Top Public Schools
 - #60 in Top Performers on Social Mobility
 - #130 in Nursing

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- SACSCOC – We had a very successful SACSOC on-site committee visit last week. We received only two recommendations, each of which concerns the LSU Board of Supervisors and the LSU President more than it does LSUA itself. By the end of January, we will have sent our response to each recommendation to SACSCOC. The visiting committee was extremely impressed with our QEP and with the growth and energy that they saw on our campus during their visit. Thanks to all who supported our accreditation work over the past two years by providing evidence and documentation that LSUA meets SACSCOC compliance standards. It's important that we continue to work on and improve those processes that we focused on in preparation for the submission of our compliance report earlier this year, especially those processes that relate to the assessment of programs and services. I'd like to thank our Provost Liz Beard, for the moral support and practical help that she gave me over the last year and a half and for the huge role she played in guiding the development of the QEP. I'd like to thank Dr. Coreil for the focus he has placed on the accreditation process over the last few years and for his full appreciation of its importance to LSUA and its future.

- Aviation – I’m anticipating that enrollment in the Professional Aviation program will grow for Spring 2024. Since the beginning of the semester, I’ve been meeting with students and their parents who contacted me and asked to meet me and our aviation faculty to learn more about the program. Our application to the FAA to be granted the Part 141 Ground School designation is in process. Once it is granted, we will be eligible for the ATP Restriction, a designation that will reduce required student flight hours from 1500 to 1000. I anticipate that our first Professional Aviation graduate will walk across the stage in May 2025.

Deron Thaxton

- The tuition increases for high-cost programs are expected to take effect next fall. While the finalized list of high-cost programs is not yet available, further details will be provided in the spring.
- We are working to adjust the aviation program fees to account for the need for additional flight hours in early courses. Our goal is to present this proposal for approval at the February Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting with LSU.
- At this stage in the fiscal year, there are no significant budget updates to report. Reminder to watch your budgets closely.

Adam Lord

- Chase is nearing completion of the fall edition of the *Generals Briefing*, which will highlight a number of student testimonials and showcase the impact and purpose of our Command Your Career QEP initiative.

Don Collins

- Campus patrols are being conducted consistently, and operations remain smooth.

Bobi Delaney

- Advising has begun, keeping our office busy finalizing the spring course schedule and assigning room numbers.
- Preparations are in progress for the second session of E-Learn 2.
- Commencement planning is on track, with 527 students certified for fall graduation.

Chad Gauthier

- Weather –
 - Tropics still remain somewhat busy at this time.
 - Hurricane Helene – catastrophic damage in Tennessee and the Carolinas.
 - Hurricane Milton is forecasted to continue to strengthen and make landfall in Florida. No impact at this time is expected for Louisiana.
- Facility Services –
 - Entrance Tower Project –ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330. – Potential start in early November.

- Street Overlay Project – Monceaux – TL Construction \$896,500. Still awaiting funds to be moved by FP&C to begin.
- 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 & decking is continuing.
- 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 - Installation of Doorway this week, with the overhang and rails to follow.
- Testing center updates – Punch list items only.
- DM Project – Campus HVAC Control replacement. AFC is around \$850,000. Planning to work with M&E on design. Waiting on contracts.
- Back Hall of Abrams - work has started.
- Many additional smaller in-house projects throughout campus.
- Risk Management – ORM Audit will be the first week in November.

Charlie Dupont

- The open enrollment period is ongoing from October 1 to November 15. Be sure to watch for reminder emails that will include helpful resources to better understand the benefits. This is a passive enrollment, so if no changes are made, your current selections will automatically roll over.
- We are planning to extend HRM office hours to accommodate employees who need to meet before or after their shifts.
- If you have not updated your headshot in the past two years, please make sure to take a new photo with Nathan Parish.

Kelly Pepper

- Alexandria Museum of Art Plein Air Festival is this weekend. Please join us for the Palette Party at the Museum at 4 p.m. on Sunday to purchase original artwork.
- November 5 - the LSUA Foundation will be hosting a Planned Giving breakfast for area advisors. Co-sponsors include the Cabrini Christus Foundation and the Central Louisiana Community Foundation.
- Please save the date for LSUA Giving Day - March 19, 2025.

- We received a \$35,000 gift from the annual Doug Young Memorial Golf Tournament to support the Doug Young Memorial Scholarship. We will schedule a check presentation photo with the family soon.
- We had our highest-grossing Shrimp Jam event this year! Revenue was \$140,991. Many thanks to all of our sponsors, ticket holders, and volunteers.

Dr. Cynthia Thomas

- The deadline for Senate fund applications was Tuesday, October 5. We received a strong response, with many applications submitted. We plan to review and approve the applications by Wednesday, with selected individuals notified on Thursday.
- The faculty demonstrated excellent energy and engagement during the SACSCOC accreditation visit.
- We are considering revisions to the policy statement that governs internships to improve clarity and alignment with current needs.
- On Saturday, September 28, I attended the ALFS meeting, where Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, was present.
- I met with the Student Government president to explore potential opportunities for collaboration between the Faculty Senate and SG.

Dr. Susan Bowers

- Midterm exams are currently underway.

Dr. Julie Gill

- No update.

Olivia Soileau

- No update.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.
