



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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10/24/2024 8:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Shelly Gill, Bobi Delaney, Chad Gauthier, Charlie Dupont, Connie Cooper, Jason Normand, Dr. Cynthia Thomas, Dr. Susan Bowers, Dr. Julie Gill, Olivia Soileau

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### **LSUA Mission Statement Review, Discussion, and Decision**

The recommended mission statement was presented by Liz Beard. Cabinet members reviewed the mission statement at the August 14, 2024, Cabinet meeting and provided feedback on the recommended update via emails sent October 14 and 16.

### **Proposed Mission Statement:**

LSU of Alexandria is committed to providing our students with the education, skills, development, and resources needed to establish a strong foundation for their future success. We create a welcoming environment that emphasizes critical thinking, experiential learning, workforce readiness, and community engagement, preparing students to excel in their chosen careers and contribute meaningfully to society.

Tyler Unsicker made a motion to approve the updated mission statement. Melinda Anderson seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion of the proposed mission statement. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Dr. Paul Coreil**

- Received the cooperative endeavor agreement from the City of Vivian for the transfer and addition of an Army tank to our campus.
- Closely monitoring the ongoing tax session due to the implications it may have on higher education.

- The LSU Scholarship First Bus tour stopped at Fort Johnson, where Dr. Liz Beard and I were able to meet with President Tate and Army leadership including the Garrison Commander and Commanding General's Chief of Staff.
- The upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting will include two LSUA resolutions: (1) a review of our revised mission statement and (2) a resolution for the Campus Edge Project public-private partnership.
- I am participating in the Van Gough Gala this year. I have been collaborating with a local artist over the past few weeks on a painting that will be available for bid at an auction that will be held at their fundraising Gala on Saturday, October 26 in the River Oaks Arts Center in Alexandria.
- Met with the City of Alexandria to continue discussions of the stipulations and costs associated with the potential transfer of the sewer line that runs from LSUA to the City of Alexandria Sewer Treatment Plant.
- Early voting is currently taking place and election day is Tuesday, November 5. Please take the opportunity to exercise your right to vote.
- The next meeting will be on November 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Dr. Elizabeth Beard**

- There is an accounting roundtable meeting taking place this morning in Magnolia Café with some community partners and accounting students.
- Working with our academic units to develop a prioritized list of faculty and support role needs in response to ongoing enrollment growth.
- A key partner that we are leaning into right now is Fort Johnson. Dr. Coreil and I met with President Tate during his LSU Scholarship First bus tour at Fort Johnson last Wednesday. We are planning to expand this partnership, recognizing its significant potential for future collaboration.
- In Dr. Abbey Bain's absence, Dr. Beard provided her updates during the meeting –
  - Registration for Spring 2025 opened this week! We have over 1,000 students already registered after two days, which is phenomenal. This is all continuing students, and it really shows students are taking care of business earlier and being much more proactive in their enrollment. Registration for new students will open Monday next week. We did make another adjustment for online CONT students to be automatically authorized and follow their notes put in degree navigator by their advisor, which has helped to alleviate a back log for that group of students.
  - Trick or Treat Street is tonight. We're excited to welcome the community to our campus, and we really appreciate all student organizations who are participating. Please remember families can come the day of and purchase tickets through their phone (no cash at door), so if anyone asks, they're welcome to still come!
  - We are seeing a strong increase in mental health concerns this semester. It goes past counseling and the need for more in-depth assessment and diagnosing, which we are not

able to do. We are exploring a partnership or contract with a local mental health nurse practitioner to see what options are available to reserve appointments for LSUA students each month to help serve students in getting them help in a timely manner.

- I've mentioned additional options we're exploring to add more housing to campus next year. Dr. Coreil and I visited England Airpark to look at housing options and we will continue to research and see if that is an option, especially with a growing aviation program, that may be a potential option to consider.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- Board of Regents Funding Formula Committee – The committee is nearing the final stages of a new funding formula, and initial projections suggest that LSUA's position will improve compared to previous years.
- Projects –
  - ***Martin Family Student Success Center*** – Progress is ongoing, and we are now focusing on getting the furnishings and fixtures picked out.
  - Continuing to work with a developer on the Campus Edge Project and plan to have a resolution at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting to formalize the agreement.
- Rapid enrollment growth is anticipated over the next 18 months. In response, high-priority faculty and staff positions are being identified and prioritized to support the expected increase.
- Workday testing was conducted on campus over two days this week, and provided valuable insights into the roles of each functional area.
- Drop for non-payment for Fall 2 is scheduled for Monday, October 28. A small number of students are expected to be impacted.
- Currently managed by Barnes & Noble, the bookstore contract is out for bid with three respondents, including Barnes & Noble. A selection committee is in place, and a new vendor is expected to be chosen within the next two months.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Attended the Higher Education Public-Private Partnership Summit in Washington, D.C., and will be compiling a report on the key takeaways.
- Attending Congresswoman Letlow's Appropriations and Grants Workshop today in Marksville, Louisiana.
- The Women in Business Conference will be taking place Thursday – Friday, with several LSUA presenters scheduled to speak.
- Hope House Lobster Boil – Sunday, November 3 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center at England Airpark
- Dr. Coreil, Deron, and I met with the City of Alexandria regarding the sewer line project and Downtown Health Education Campus.
- U.S. Senator John Kennedy will be speaking at Rotary next Tuesday.

### **Adam Lord**

- The newest edition of the Generals Briefing is currently at the printer.
- Brianne is working hard to get updated website content back from academic and business units. This week, working on: International Programs, Cheerleading, Faculty Senate, CTE, and Distance Learning.
- Our fall marketing blitz will launch in November. You will see more tv and radio ads.
- New signage in the library is in progress, and we just started the process in Avoyelles.
- I encourage everyone on my team to complete professional development each year, Mira was able to virtually attend national Social Media Strategies Summit, she was in the Higher Education track.
- We received a Full Lantern award for our Shrimp Jam campaign at the Southern PR Federation in Biloxi. Chase earned a Full Lantern for a project he did *pro bono* for Lil Chubbie's.

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Soccer wraps up the next two weeks. Men are currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Women are in 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Basketball starts next week.
- Men's Basketball preseason number 12 in the country
- Women's Basketball on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at noon
- Women's Basketball at LSU Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Women's Basketball and Men's Basketball Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Faculty/staff appreciation basketball games email went out this week

### **Shelly Gill**

- Application Report is showing that Fall 2025 is off to a strong start.
- Recruiters are crisscrossing the state – attending college fairs and private high school visits.
- Our very first “Generals on the Geaux” was held on October 23 in Many, LA. It was extremely successful. We plan to have our next one on November 4 in Natchitoches.
- HS Counselor Brunch is October 30.
- As of today, there are 89 students scheduled for Spend the Day at A in November. This is prior to starting our postcard and email campaign.
- There is an open position for a Recruiter in Enrollment Management. If you know of anyone who will make a great Recruiter, please have them apply. Position should be posted next week.

### **Bobi Delaney**

- Prepping for Fall 2024 Commencement which is on Thursday, December 19. As of today, our total amount with summer and expected fall graduates is 628.

- The bookstore hosted Grad Fair yesterday with StratComms and there was a good turnout.
- Registration is ongoing.
- Drop for non-attendance for e-learn 2 session 2 will take place today at 2:00 p.m. Students will then have 24 hours to forward our office the email and we will add them back if necessary – after Friday, it will require instructor permission to be added back to courses.
- Our office is not approving any more fall grad applications.

### **Chad Gauthier**

- Weather – Tropics are clear. Nothing significant to report for upcoming weather.
- Facility Services –
  - Entrance Tower Project – ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330. – Potential start in mid-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. Pre-construction meeting last week. Construction will begin week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant – Second floor will get poured tomorrow!
  - 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. SD complete. Cleco will be installing additional lighting on Highway 3170.
  - Baseball/Softball Locker Rooms – Jim Weinzettle with ABW will begin design.
  - Outpost New Entrance – Rails and New Doorway complete. Overhang set to be installed next week.
  - Testing center updates – Complete
  - DM Project – Campus HVAC Control replacement. AFC is around \$850,000. Dustin Duval with M&E on design. Waiting on approvals.
  - Back Hall of Abrams - work has begun, new paint, lights, floors, doors, etc.
  - Another roof replacement at The Oaks
  - Softball lights
  - Many additional smaller in-house projects throughout campus. We've painted a few more areas on campus and have more to go.
- Risk Management – ORM Audit will be the second week in November.

### **Charlie Dupont**

- Open enrollment continues for the next three weeks. Please remind your departments, and let them know our office is available to provide support and answer any benefit-related questions. If it's more convenient, I am happy to come to your office—just reach out.
- We are currently updating Workday organization charts to correct inaccuracies. If you receive notifications about changes, it's due to these adjustments.

- Please upload your mandatory training certificates if you have not already done so.
- Next A Retirement Town Hall is scheduled for next Tuesday at noon, featuring subject matter experts available to answer questions. If you can't attend but have questions, please send them to me in advance.
- A showing of *Broadway Melodies* will take place tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

### **Connie Cooper**

- Programs and Initiatives – Recent engagement event was very successful with attendance at 208. Many guests were high school students and community leaders. Dr. Coreil discussed our amazing growth and the wins we've been able to achieve and Shelly shared all of the great things happening at LSUA showing some great videos that highlight our programs and opportunities. Many guests remarked that they didn't realize all that LSUA has to offer and that they intend to tour the camps. Received a resolution from the COA recognizing the event. The keynote speaker, Dr. Monica Anderson, was very impressed with LSUA and the work that we are doing here and commented that it is a special place.
- Education –
  - Supported three faculty by educating RAs, Peer Mentors, and Teaching Assistants on how to engage with students and build community and partnered with CORE to update and facilitate presentations
  - Participating in the new employee orientation.
  - Presenter for Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Conference. "Engagement, Equality, and Empowerment: Igniting the Power of Women in Business."

### **Jason Normand**

- Workday –
  - Data conversions continue and on track.
  - Integration work ramping up. Meeting with vendors to re-integrate software with Workday.
  - Data validation exercises are underway. Working with different workstreams to complete them.
  - Data deduplication efforts are still being worked on.
- PC Support Specialist position should be open soon.

### **Dr. Cynthia Thomas**

- Faculty Senate –
  - Discussed creating a comprehensive Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy statement that provides guidance for faculty and administration. Faculty Senate is also discussing the best approach to training faculty in interpreting AI detection technology.

- As the Curriculum to Career initiative takes off, we are reviewing internship policies to ensure that they support student progress without creating a roadblock. Currently, students are required to complete roughly 240 hours of internship work and that is not realistic for 7-week courses. We are working to determine a policy that will accommodate both sets of students.

### **Dr. Susan Bowers**

- The presentation process for the new CTE Director has begun.
- The Career Champions will hold their first meeting this Friday.
- Rural pipeline medical students visited LSU New Orleans Medical School during fall break and had a very positive experience.
- Congratulations to our first student accepted into perfusion school!

### **Dr. Julie Gill**

- A faculty member requested that I extend their thanks to Chad Gauthier for his assistance with their office in Mulder Hall.
- Registration – Some faculty have reported challenges with courses lacking the appropriate prerequisites; however, the Registrar's Office has been helpful in addressing these issues.
- A faculty member requested that the Administrative Committee assignments be distributed.

### **Olivia Soileau**

- No update.

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau*

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**The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**

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