



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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11/5/2024 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, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Bobi Delaney, Chad Gauthier, Charlie Dupont, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Cynthia Thomas, Dr. Susan Bowers, Olivia Soileau

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

- Our campus is thriving with many exciting initiatives, and we appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication.
- The recent *Generals Briefing* has received numerous compliments – thank you to all involved for its success.
- The next meeting will be on November 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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

- Congratulations to Ashley Robinson on her promotion to Assistant Director of Distance Learning. Her previous role as Educational Technology Specialist in Distance Learning will soon be open for applicants.
- Continuing to lean into our partnership with Fort Johnson. Dr. Coreil and I will be attending their Veteran's Day ceremony on Thursday.
- Alisha Ferrington is actively enhancing the Continuing Education department. Please help increase awareness by sharing the available courses on your social media platforms.

#### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- This week is International Education Week, and I am so proud of the programming and attendance we've received so far. Thank you to Nina for coordinating this and to the campus for showing up and getting involved.
- We are finalizing housing costs and arrangements for next year. We will book most of the two bedrooms (both bedrooms), so four residents will reside in the apartment. The other apartments will remain private bedrooms. We haven't increased costs at The Oaks for at

least three years, so the other room rates will increase around 5% to keep up with inflation and the cost of repairs, equipment, etc.

- Registration opened this week, we have 2,800 students already enrolled, which is just phenomenal! We're up around 50% online and up slightly on campus (when comparing year to year).
- We had our second, Generals on the Geaux, in Natchitoches this week. I'm so pleased at the reception of our university and the updates/information we have to share. We have more students from that area enrolled this fall, so I believe there is a lot of potential to recruit there.
- Monday, November 11 is our Veterans Day program. I appreciate Lacey Callier and Haylee Malone, they've really focused on our veteran support. We appreciate your support.

### **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- In the process of reviewing Curriculog proposals.
- SACSCOC – Received the written report from the on-site committee.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- Workday –
  - Several groups will be on campus next week for the kickoff of Workset C.
  - A demonstration is currently scheduled for November 25 at 9:30 a.m. to showcase the functionality of Workday Student to the areas that will be using it daily.
  - The go-live date is still set for Fall 2026.
- Continuing to work on revising the funding formula for the Board of Regents.
- Tower Project – Construction is set to begin on November 18. An email with details about road closures at the Highway 71 campus entrance will be sent out soon.
- FLSA – The new overtime threshold of \$58,000 is set to go into effect on January 1.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Chamber Women in Business was well represented by LSUA – Beth Palmer, Connie Cooper, Missy Laborde, and Jessica Thacker all presented! Congrats for a great job.
- Thanks to those who were able to attend the joint Rotary/Chamber luncheon with Senator Kennedy as guest speaker—over 400 people attended!
- Hope House Lobster Boil – Attended with Dr. Coreil and much to our surprise the spotlight speaker and Hope House client was a precious single mom and an LSUA student! LSUA Athletics and Cheer were the celebrity wait staff! Great exposure for LSUA out in the community.
- Young Professionals Group – 4ward Awards – Ethan Lipsey has been nominated and there will be a luncheon on Friday, November 15. Congratulations to Ethan on being nominated!
- Friday, November 22 – LSUA/LSUE Surg. Tech. Ribbon Cutting – 807 Jackson Street at 10 a.m.

### **Adam Lord**

- Great meeting with LSU Office of University Relations & StratComms
  - Revamping their communication strategies across the System
  - They see us as an integral part of their work
- LSU helped me get our LinkedIn fixed. We can now be tagged as an institution
- The new Generals Briefing is out! Chase has some concerns with the print product we are tracking down first.
- New marketing platforms: billboards in Natchitoches & a monthly talk show spot on KSYL

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Soccer is hosting the RRAC tournament on Thursday, November 7 at noon and 2:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball are off to great starts at 2-0 each. Start conference on November 12.
- On November 12 all department chairs are meeting with coaches.
- Baseball had a good time at the Hope House.
- Thanks to everyone who came out to the LSU vs LSUA Basketball game last week.
- Athletics upgrades going on, new sound system, new concession stand door, and lights at softball.

### **Don Collins**

- No incidents or concerns to report at this time.

### **Shelly Gill**

- Application Report was submitted and shows Fall 2025 apps up almost 30% from Fall 2024 at this time last year. A reminder that these applications are on-campus applications, as online apps for Fall 2025 open after Spring 2025 begins.
- Spend the Day at A – November 16. Currently, 129 students plus guests are registered to attend.
- Ashlee Hatwig is spearheading Together Tuesday representation at every school in Rapides Parish on November 12. There are about 10 more schools that need representatives. Please sign up and encourage others to sign up.
- Dual Enrollment registration for Spring 2025 begins November 11.
- Several members of Enrollment Management will be attending a conference later this week.

### **Bobi Delaney**

- 499 Certified Candidates for Fall 2024
- Registration reminders going out

- Auditors placing Spring applicants in Applied status. Once this is complete, it will be reflected in Degree Navigator.
- Error Clean-up with distance learning
- Academic Calendar Summer and Fall 2025 drafts and ready and going out for revisions and updates.

### **Chad Gauthier**

- Weather – Tropical Storm Rafael – will enter the gulf, but models differ on both timing and track.
- Facility Services –
  - Entrance Tower Project –ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330. – Start the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Street Overlay Project – Monceaux – TL Construction \$896,500. Released by FP&C. Waiting on timeline.
  - Parking Lot 7 – MMLH – Contractor - Progressive Construction Company \$604,640. The pre-construction meeting last week. Construction will begin the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant –Completed second-floor pour last 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. SD complete. Cleco will be installing additional lighting on HWY 3170.
  - Baseball/Softball Locker Rooms – Jim Weinzettle with ABW will begin design.
  - Outpost New Entrance – 90% complete.
  - DM Project – Campus HVAC Control replacement. AFC is around \$850,000. Dustin Duval with M&E on design. Waiting on approvals with FP&C.
  - Back Hall of Abrams - work is continuing with doors/lights/locks
  - Softball lights – should begin soon.
  - Tank for The Fort – working with the LA National Guard to get the tank moved from the town of Vivian.
  - Many additional smaller in-house projects throughout campus.
- Risk Management – ORM Audit will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Charlie Dupont**

- In addition to new hire orientation on-site for faculty and staff, we will record one for adjunct instructors.
- Reminder that open enrollment is a week and a half from closing.

### **Connie Cooper**

- Continuing to support units on campus as needed.

### **Kelly Pepper**

- I am proud to announce two new endowed scholarships – Dr. Khem Aggarwal Endowed Scholarship and the Renaud Holcombe Endowed Scholarship.
  - Dr. Khem Aggarwal Endowed Scholarship was generously donated by Dr. Renu Gupta, friends, and family - priority is given to international students, math majors, and those who have volunteer involvement.
  - Renaud Holcombe Endowed Scholarship was generously donated by his parents Nicole and David Holcombe to benefit students studying computer science or cybersecurity.
- The next GAA meeting will be November 19, if you have any information for the board or agenda items, please contact myself or Tyler.
- Tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. we will host the Louisiana Alliance of Nonprofits in Mulder 302 for their Coffee and Connections event. This event is open to all LSUA faculty and staff interested in the nonprofit sector.
- The Central Louisiana Community Foundation will award LSUA Foundation Chair Glenda Stock Smith the Individual Philanthropist of the Year at the Heart of Philanthropy Awards.
- The LSUA Foundation's on-site audit has been completed. The audit report will be presented to the Audit and Finance Committee as well as at the full board meeting in December.

### **Dr. Cynthia Thomas**

- Faculty Senate has forwarded a proposed policy to address AI to Teresa Seymore for consideration by the AI committee.
- Faculty Senate is working with the Bolton Library staff to gain access to more science journals. Lillian will reach out to LSU to see if there are options to partner.

### **Dr. Susan Bowers**

- CTE director search is moving forward, all of the campus presentations are done.
- Spring CTE workshop presenter is Bonni Stachowiak, who will also be presenting at LSU. The workshop is titled "Go Somewhere: Reimagining Technology in Education for a Better Tomorrow" and will include a workshop on Exploring AI in Higher Education.
- Career Champions cohort 2 has started and will be focusing on Using technology in the classroom.

### **Olivia Soileau**

- No update.

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau*

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