



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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12/18/2024 9:30 AM | *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, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Charlie Dupont, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Jason Normand, Dr. Susan Bowers, Olivia Soileau

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

- Fall 2024 Commencement is tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum with the largest graduating class ever.
- Attended the SACSCOC Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas last week with Dr. Beard and Dr. Halpin.
- Board of Supervisors Meeting on February 21 – Aviation Fee Adjustment and the Campus Edge Proposal will be on the agenda
- Discussing the infrastructure improvements to respond to campus growth and modernization for Monday's radio interview on the KSYL *Talkback* program.
- The next meeting will be on January 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

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

- Fall 2024 Commencement –
  - Our graduation ceremony is now hosted through the Registrar's Office, coordinated through Bobi Delaney and the Registrar team. Laura and the Chancellor's Office will be assisting this year to facilitate a smooth transition.
  - Endowed Chair in the Arts Patrick Hunter will be singing the national anthem and alma mater at commencement.
  - 322 scheduled to walk during the ceremony, the largest graduation ceremony to date.
- Dr. Randall Dupont has returned to a full-time faculty role in the Department of Management & Marketing. Jeff Langston will serve as Interim Dean of the College of Business, in a dual role as he continues to serve as Dean of HHS.

- Sarah Barnes will serve as Chair of the Department of Allied Health upon Dr. Haywood Joiner's retirement this semester.
- The College of HHS hosted an AHEC camp on campus yesterday – over 50 students from area high schools participated in hands-on mini-courses with an overview of all healthcare fields, including the Interdisciplinary Pre-Med Program for students interested in medical school.
- Working with LSUHSC Shreveport to develop an MOU for a pipeline to their Doctor of Occupational Therapy program.
- Faculty teams are submitting proposals to the HERO grant funding opportunity through LDH, which are due January 31. The proposals will be to support increased opportunities for our Nursing programs (to support the evening cohort and an outreach program to regional schools) and to support an ABA program in psychology, which is another critical healthcare need.
- The Graduation Reception is from 3-5 today – all graduates and families are welcome to campus to meet faculty, visit the campus, and take photos.
- The Nursing Pinning Ceremony is this evening; we have right at 40 grads in this fall cohort.

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

- Overall enrollment for spring is approaching the census date of last year. Right now, overall enrollment is at 5,385, online is up around 65%, and on-campus is also up 5%. Retention is up six percentage points year to year, which is amazing to see.
- Spring Orientation is January 10<sup>th</sup> and Ethan and Tristin are coordinating with the appropriate departments for representation. I appreciate everyone's work in making that a success and welcoming new students for the spring semester.
- Spring Weeks of Welcome starts on January 10 through the 17<sup>th</sup>
- Just a reminder that Michelle Ducote accepted a new role in Distance Learning. We are going to dissolve that position and add another advising and retention specialist position. The students on probation will be disbursed to the appropriate advisor in their department, and we are going to make every effort possible to ensure they have a professional advisor and not a faculty advisor. If there is any issue or somebody missed something, just send an email to Georgia and/or me to get that student re-assigned. Thank you for the help on that. We've also done more research into the First Drop program, which has gotten smaller and smaller over the last few years since we added the "suspension warning" academic action criteria. I am going to make the recommendation to Admissions and Standards to dissolve that program, so I will go to them in the spring with a recommendation for the catalog for FA25.
- We will have a new professional advisor, Dane Ervin, starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> who will work with the PSYC and STEM students since we're seeing so much growth in those departments right now. His office will be in the STEM suite in Mulder Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

- As we explore the housing options available, we are considering housing at England Airpark, especially for aviation students. I have a survey to measure interest that will go out in January. We will send updated housing options with costs when we return in January as well.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- An IT audit will soon begin on all technology campuswide, which is expected to lead to several policy changes over the next year.
- An operational and financial audit of athletics is scheduled to begin in the spring.
- Please remind all employees to submit expense reports within 30 days of transactions. Additionally, spend authorizations must be completed prior to travel.
- Faculty Senate has requested an evaluation of Policy Statement 209, specifically regarding an increase in summer pay for faculty.

### **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- Aviation –
  - Our next Aviation Open House is scheduled for Thursday, March 13 at the Million Air Building at England Airpark. It will feature a Helicopter flyover/landing, courtesy of Cpt Kenneth Balding of the 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment, Fort Johnson.
  - Million Air, the Fixed Base Operator at AEX, continues to provide support to students in our program. Currently, five students are employed by the company; and of those five, three will receive \$1,250 in tuition assistance in the Spring semester. Joe Brocato is the General Manager at Million Air and has been very supportive of our program.
  - Seven new students have been admitted to the Professional Aviation program for Spring 2025. All seven already have schedules and are enrolled in Private Pilot Flight I.
  - Our proposed revisions to the aviation fee structure will be on the agenda of the February 21 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- SACSCOC – I participated in the five-hour evaluator training session at the annual SACSCOC meeting last week, so I am now an officially trained evaluator and eligible to serve on onsite or off-site reaffirmation committees. The other sessions I attended were also very useful. One in particular, called Continuous Compliance, addressed the importance of not losing momentum after a successful on-site visit. Over the next month, I intend to develop a plan that will help us to stay focused on crucial compliance activities and processes.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Coreil for the Cabinet Christmas Dinner. It was a lovely evening being with everyone.

- The interviews are near completion for Dr. Coreil's 5-year comprehensive review. Thanks to all who participated – 22 Zoom interviews set up with the consultant that LSU hired. Once this is completed, we will have addressed the SACSCOC report requirements. The consultant plans to have this review completed by late January.
- Manna House service opportunity on Friday, December 27.

### **Adam Lord**

- Student Bridge has nearly completed the new map for the website – Chase has sent several of you the most recent file for review and asked for comments. Specifically, he needs Deron and Chad to check the Student Success building and the tower for any corrections to the art before we finalize the map.
- Dr. Coreil will be on KSYL on Monday, December 23 at 8 a.m. Hannah Broussard was on KALB this week talking about scholarships, and Teresa Seymour had a great spot on KALB about our ranking in Newsweek's Top Online Schools for 2025.
- Please remind the deans that each college has a step-and-repeat with their insignia in Mona's office. Each has a rolling cart and they do NOT need to ask Facilities to move them from point A to B. These are easy to manage.
- Some of you still owe me information for your bio. If you can find time between now and January 6 to submit the questionnaire, that would be helpful.
- We are trying to keep from having papers taped to windows all over campus, including classrooms, hallways, and especially doors to buildings. We can help you find other ways and places to display information. Mulder classrooms are a prime example.

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Men's Basketball is ranked #5 in the country.
- Fort Johnson will be doing a helicopter flyover on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m.

### **Shelly Gill**

- Fall 2025 applications remain strong with a 5% increase over this time last year. Just as a reminder, all apps received are for on-campus. Online application for Fall 2025 will go live after the Spring semester has started.
- Dual Enrollment for Spring 2025 – anticipating around 100 fewer students than the fall semester.
- STEM Day at A – January 17. We have 223 students registered, which puts us at max capacity.
- Interviewing for Recruiter position. One of the open recruiter positions is in the final process of hiring, but still have one more to fill.
- Online Admissions Counselor – in the final process of hiring.

- Josie Carmouche has been promoted to Senior Admissions Officer. She will assist the office in training and be the point person for LSUO.

### **Chad Gauthier**

- Weather – Nothing to report at this time.
- Facility Services –
  - Entrance Tower Project –ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330. – Work has begun with footings and site dirt work – They will begin drilling pilings next.
  - Street Overlay Project (Drainage Part 3) – Monceaux – TL Construction \$896,500. FP&C released funds. The Preconstruction Meeting was this week. The project will begin in February.
  - Parking Lot 7 – MMLH – Contractor - Progressive Construction Company \$604,640. Work is progressing nicely. The drainage system is being installed. Completion should be around the end of January.
  - ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant – Work continues - Electrical, plumbing, HVAC rough-in, roofing, metal stud framing.
  - Health Education Downtown Campus – ABW Architects. In design development. On track to bid in Spring 2025.
  - Roadway Lighting - \$250,000 from the state – Mark Neely from ADG will design. SD is completely waiting on the CD set so we can go to bid. CLECO will be installing additional lighting on Hwy. 3170.
  - Baseball/Softball Locker Rooms – Jim Weinzettle with ABW has begun preliminary design work.
  - DM Project – Campus HVAC Control replacement. AFC is \$850,000. Dustin Duval with M&E on design. FP&C has approved concurrences with the designer. Waiting on contracts to get approved.
  - Back Hall of Abrams – The flooring should be ready next week so they can begin installation.
  - Tank for The Fort –LA National Guard has begun the process. They visited Vivian last week and are coming to campus this morning to conduct the site assessment here so they can begin the process of planning the construction of the concrete and relocation.
  - Many additional smaller in-house projects throughout campus.
- Risk Management – Addressing concerns on the walk-through findings. All going well with good cooperation from all individuals.

### **Charlie Dupont**

- A large table will soon be added to my office, providing a space for conducting training and meetings with larger groups.

### **Connie Cooper**

- Preparations are underway for Black History Month programming.

### **Kelly Pepper**

- February 11 at 3:30 p.m. will be the Donor Beam Signing Event. Invitations will go out to donors on or before Friday
- The Naming Opportunities for the Martin Family Student Success Center have been approved by the LSUA Foundation Board of Directors. We will work with the University to add them to the LSU Board of Supervisors agenda in the spring for final approval.

### **Jason Normand**

- Workday data conversions and integration work continues.
- Working with Transact on several integration items related to Workday, Proclass, and T2 parking.
- IT Risk Assessment Audit is now underway.
- End of term processes – current term processing will be run on Friday night.

### **Dr. Susan Bowers**

- The Career Champions group will meet in January to discuss projects they plan to implement in their spring courses.
- I have been meeting with Crystal Smith, the new CTE Director, to assist her in transitioning into her role.
- Some faculty have expressed that having grades due on Tuesday was somewhat stressful for them.

### **Olivia Soileau**

- Monday, January 6 at 10:30 a.m. – Spring 2025 Convocation in Coughlin Hall Auditorium with lunch to follow in the Ballroom

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau*

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