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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

02/05/2025 10:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor
Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Bobi Delaney, Chad Gauthier, Charlie Dupont, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Cynthia Thomas, Dr. Julie Gill

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- #4 Ranking is a powerful statement about the job we are doing
- Campus Edge – community concern regarding closing Golf Course – due to our growth that space is needed.
- Commencement Speaker – Bolton High School Hall of Fame – Thomas Ryder
Board of Amazon; CEO of Readers Digest, Board of American Express
Honored to have such a distinguished guest.
Fierce for LSUA major donor.
- Governor named Scott Ballard as Chair of the Board of Supervisor – fan of LSUA. 5 new board members also. We will be presenting to this new board in February the day before the Board meeting. We will have several items on the agenda.
- The next meeting will be on February 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- Rocaille Roberts has joined us as the Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness. Her start date was Feb 3. Rocaille took a few minutes to introduce herself to Cabinet, and we welcome her to LSUA in this role. For the time being, her office will be on the second floor of the library in the Engaged Teaching and Learning suite.
- New directional signage has been installed in the learning commons area of the first floor of the library, with a new mural designed by Chase Dyess and signage for the Tutoring Center, Honors Experience study room, Veterans' Lounge, and study rooms. We still plan to continue with updates to the library spaces as funding permits.

- Nursing and Psychology faculty submitted two separate grant proposals to the HERO Award opportunity through LDH. One proposal will support expansion of the evening cohort of the ASN program and the other will expand the Applied Behavior Analysis concentration for psychology. Award announcements will be released in mid-March.
- LSUA will make a presentation during the LSU Board of Supervisors professional development on Thursday, Feb. 20. We have two Academic Affairs agenda items on the board agenda on Feb. 21: BS degrees in Cybersecurity Technology and Disaster Preparedness and Response.
- The return of Shakespeare-on-the Greene is in full swing, with the cast announcement of a fully-student cast going out this week. The performances will take place on the lawn at LSUA during the last week of March.

Dr. Abbey Bain (reported by Shelly Gill)

- Housing application opened Feb. 1st. We already have 150 applications (roughly 50 new FTF and 100 continuing). For comparison, the first day last year we had 40 applications and this time we had over 120 applications the first day. We will continue to target our new students for the new bunked bed option.
- Final enrollment for spring will be finalized soon but it is about 6,900 students. We were really pushing for the 7,000, but we're still extremely proud of the growth. Year to year it is over 25% increase! Retention is 87% (compared to 86%). On campus is up around 10%. All of these numbers are so impressive and a true testament of the hard work that goes in every single day from across campus. Well done to everyone!
- Homecoming is next week! The theme is "Wild About LSUA." Students are currently voting for their homecoming court and then will vote again next week for King & Queen. Next week has a variety of events including bowling Monday evening, basketball games, a Lip Sync Battle competition at The Oaks, Cooking with Coreil, and a Light the Night Dance sponsored by SG. It is a big week and creates those inspirational memories for our students so please encourage any students that you work with to attend and participate. We hope to see you there, too! I really want to thank Haylee Malone for making this week so special and the committee she works with to make it all happen.
- We are busy planning for a lot of spring programs. Admitted Student Day will be April 11th and May 2nd. I am reaching out to our partners across campus to mark their calendars.
- We are setting up the Academic Plan Templates for Workday Student. These are essentially the suggested sequence recommendations for students. I am meeting with Deans this week and will reach out to the departments for clarification as needed. Georgia Fox is helping to build these, and we're excited for our students to have these as resources when we "go live."

Deron Thaxton

- No report submitted.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- I submitted our two degree proposals, one for BS Disaster Science and Emergency Management and one for BS Cybersecurity, to LSU Academic Affairs recently. They are on the agenda for the February 21 Board of Supervisors meeting. The proposals have been reviewed by Academic Affairs staff at LSU; no issues were identified. We're confident that the proposals will be approved.
- Chancey Slider, Brandy Hearnberger and I have completed work on the FAA Workforce Development Grant and will submit to Grants.gov this afternoon. The ask is for almost one million dollars and includes funds for a full-time aviation advisor, an additional full-time faculty member, two flight simulators, scholarships for new and continuing students, and supplies for high school aviation summer camps and other recruitment activities.
- We now have the additional documentation needed for our SACSCO Response Report due on March 2. I will be writing the report and submitting it soon.

Melinda Anderson

- Wall of Distinction planning going very well – Mark your calendars for May 1 reception
- Chamber LABI Luncheon
- Christus 75th Annual Gala
- March 3 – SLT lunch with Regent Dallas Hixson – campus tour.
- Busy few months ahead
- April 11 – Freedman Veterans Lounge Dedication
- April 14 – Legislative Session opens
- April 22 – Cenla Day at the Legislature
- April 23 – LSU Day at the Legislature
- April 24/25 – Board of Supervisors
- Thanks to Connie Cooper for a wonderful presentation at Rotary. Great Job.

Adam Lord

- Mira & I are working with CORE, the Library, and Deans to revamp Scholar Day assets
- Ranked #4 Best College by Niche = working on a full rollout package along w/enrollment #
- In this same ranking, LSUA was ranked the #1 online college in LA and #27 nationally
- Still working on rolling out new signage across campus for various purposes
- Speaking of library signage, that process is getting much more difficult with LSU

Tyler Unsicker

- 2nd Annual HOF Saturday Feb 15th at 10am. 3 inductees
- Hosting RRAC Basketball Tournament Feb 28-Mar 2
- MBB ranked #2 in the country

Don Collins

- No accidents to report
- Front entrance is open at this time.

Shelly Gill

- Application numbers for Fall 2025 are still trending higher than last year at this time.
- Monday, Feb 3 was last day to apply for Spring ELearn 2.
- Job offers have been extended for the positions of Recruiter and Enrollment Management Administrative Coordinator
- The last Generals on the Geaux was held in Vernon Parish on Jan 27. Enrollment Management would like to thank SLT for making time to visit with high school counselors across the region. This truly makes a difference.
- The deadline for the Mulder Scholarship was Feb 1. 48 applications were received.
- Currently, there are 117 students registered for Spend the Day at A.
- If any academic department visits local high schools, Recruiters are available to tag along to answer questions regarding admissions, fin aid, student life, etc. – just reach out! Recruiting can always provide marketing material for such visits.
- Workday Student will go live for ADMISSIONS on August 11, 2025 when we start accepting applications for Fall 2026 (Sept 1).
- Important Dates:
- Spend the Day at A: Feb 22
- Mulder Scholarship Day: March 22
- Admitted Student Days: April 11, May 2

Bob Delaney

- Our office is switching gears to focus on Spring 2025 graduates. We will certify all candidates that are 100% in Degree Navigator 2/7/25 and grad fees will be applied 2/10/25. Applicants that are not at 100% will receive email messages telling them to speak with their Advisor. We are hoping to get this information out in time so students will have time register for ELearn 2/2nd Session if necessary.
- We are currently working on building course sections for Summer and Fall 2025.
- As part of the Work Day project, we are currently review and updating all Program of Study definitions.
- Transcripts are current and being evaluated daily.

Chad Gauthier

- TROPICS / WEATHER -Nothing to report. However, the weather has been a significant problem with current projects.
- FACILITY SERVICES:

- Entrance Tower Project –ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330. – Underground work is nearing completion. Steel will be arriving on site Monday and should begin erecting early next week.
- Street Overlay Project (Drainage Part 3) – Monceaux – TL Construction \$896,500. Project is pushed back to begin in March.
- Parking Lot 7 – MMLH – Contractor - Progressive Construction Company \$604,640. They have been vulnerable to the weather. Curbing crew is setting up now, and should begin pouring end of the week. Asphalt will come behind. Probably another 2-3 weeks without any delays.
- ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant – Work continues on - Electrical, plumbing, HVAC rough in, roofing, metal stud framing, drywall and exterior work.
- Health Education Downtown Campus – ABW Architects. In design development. Final decisions were made on the exterior design of the building. Without any complications, remains on track to bid late Spring or Summer 2025.
- Roadway Lighting - \$250,000 from the state – Mark Neely from ADG is designer. Construction documents to LSU for approval. Almost ready to begin bid process. CLECO will be installing additional lighting on HWY 3170.
- Baseball/Softball Locker Rooms – Jim Weinzettle with ABW has begun design work with Athletics and a final design was selected.
- DM Project – Campus HVAC Control replacement. AFC is \$850,000. Dustin Duval with M&E on design. FP&C has verbally approved concurrences with designer. Waiting on contracts to get final approval so design work can begin.
- Military Tank for The Fort –LA National Guard has begun the process. The initial team came out to do a walk through and we are working on the paperwork to get the project through final approvals.
- Many additional smaller in-house projects throughout campus. Taking the canary yellow out of the Front of Abrams.
- RISK MANAGEMENT -Nothing to report at this time.

Charlie Dupont

- HR will schedule another visit from retirement experts due to high demand

Connie Cooper

- Programs and Initiatives:
- Gearing up to implement our 31st Annual Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, February 18 in the ballroom. Doors open at 11:30am; program begins at 12pm. We have seven sponsorships with a total count at 174. We anticipate having 200 seats filled.

Kelly Pepper

- Feb 11 at 3:30 p.m. The Martin Family Student Success Center donor beam signing event. We are watching the weather and will send an update to guests on Friday.
- Feb 12 at 11:00 a.m. Thankful Generals Event in the Quad. We ask all students, faculty, and staff to stop by to write a thank you note for donors as part of our annual campaign
- Feb 24 at 5:00 p.m. AMOA Board Meeting
- Feb 27 at 8:00 a.m. LSUA Foundation Board Meeting
- March 19 - LSUA Giving Day

Jason Normand (submitted report)

- Workday Data Conversions – we’re currently validating the data we’ve submitted.
- Workday Integrations – we’ll soon begin testing of various integrations.

Dr. Cynthia Thomas

- Lillian has identified free trials for research journals and is in the process of making those available. She will monitor usage to make recommendations for which journal memberships we should purchase.
- Senate is focused on approving courses that have been approved by C & C. Roadblocks have been identified and Senate will work with Andrew and Eamon to address these issues.
- People have been questioning the plans for the space above the bookstore. Student Services will continue to utilize that space.
- We need to figure out how to communicate to online students how they can earn a letter of recommendation. This should be communicated early enough so that students can engage with the professor or online community.

Respectfully submitted by Melinda Anderson

The next meeting will take place on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
