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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

02/17/2025 1:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Dr. Liz Beard

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Shelly Gill, Bobi Delaney, Chad Gauthier, Charlie Dupont, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Susan Bowers

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Attended a luncheon today, and spoke to the 60 best teachers in Rapides Parish. Lance Harris from the BESE Board, and Glenda Stock Smith were also in attendance. Great partnership with the RPSB.
- STARBASE at Ft. Johnson will operate through the end of the school year, with many thanks going to the Ft. Johnson leadership. Ft. Johnson and LSUA will fund STARBASE until the end of May. US Senate will determine funding of STARBASE nationally.
- The Federal freeze will impact D1 Research institutions.
- We are presenting our LSUA success story to the Board of Supervisors on Thursday, February 20.
- The IP closure in Campti will affect a large portion of our state. We will be sending out a notice of support.
- These are historic times for our LSUA Athletics!! All coaches and teams are doing fantastic.
- Monthly radio spot for 30min on KSYL – Aleisha Ferrington with Continuing Education did a fantastic job. We will need to brainstorm and plans for Feb 25 show!
- The next meeting will be on March 5th at 9:00 AM.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- Academic Affairs updates:
- We have two degrees up for approval by the Board of Supervisors on Friday: BS in Disaster Preparedness & Response and BS in Cybersecurity Technology.

- Academic units submitted summer and fall schedules last week; schedules are being built now in time for advising to open next week, Feb. 24.
- Offers went out to candidates for Administrative Assistants for the College of Business and the School of Education. Both candidates accepted and will start within the next few weeks.
- Endowed Professorships — extended deadlines to Wednesday to fill applicants for all professorships. Faculty will present to the committee, including members of the LSUA Foundation Board, on Friday, March 21. The endowed professorships will be announced at Employee Recognition Dinner on April 28.
- The Board of Regents Meauxmentum Summit will take place on April 2-3 at the Cajun Dome in Lafayette. A team of LSUA faculty and staff will attend to represent us at this summit which focuses on pathways that emphasize career readiness and relevance of core courses to students' careers/goals. The BoR will provide \$100 thousand per university to facilitate the implementation of meauxmentum initiatives over the next fiscal year.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- We finished a fabulous week of homecoming events and activities, thank you to Haylee Malone and her team w/ Caleb and Lacey for putting in lots of extra hours and work to make it so engaging and successful. Just a reminder, students went bowling, lip sync battle, attend athletic events, dance, build a bear activity, petting zoo, etc. Homecoming King is Tashlan Moodley and Homecoming Queen is Mya Jordan.
- -We officially have over 7,000 students enrolled at LSUA! Currently enrolled students this morning was 7,052.
- -Advising will host an event in Mulder Lobby tomorrow to bring awareness to advising starting next week so they can start making appointments with their advisors next week to see what classes to add to cart.
- -Orientation registration will open April 1st
- -Housing is looking strong for the fall semester – we have 188 applications already. For context, last year we had 188 March 28th.
- -Reminder for Spend the Day at A this Saturday! This is always a great day to showcase our amazing campus, we know when students actually visit LSUA in person it can really transform their impression and make a difference. We appreciate everyone's support to make this a success.

Deron Thaxton

- No report submitted.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Our next Professional Aviation Open House will take place at the Million Air building at England Airpark from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM on Thursday, March 13. Refreshments will be provided by Joe Brocato, the General Manager, and his staff. A special feature of this Open House will be a helicopter landing, courtesy of 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment, Fort Johnson.
- We are creating a new part-time support position for the program: Flight Simulator Manager. The holder of the position will train Gulf Coast Aviation flight instructors in the use of the device, monitor usage by LSUA's aviation's students, and develop policies and procedures for safe usage of the device. The occupant of the new position will be Brett Chelette, a senior aviation student scheduled to graduate in May.
- We submitted the FAA aviation workforce development grant after our last cabinet meeting. We have not received any notification from FAA since then.
- Our degree proposals, one for the BS in Disaster Preparedness and Response and the other for the BS Cybersecurity Technology, will be voted on by the LSU Board of Supervisors at their February 21 meeting.
- I've been working with Rocaille Roberts, our new Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness, on developing a continuity plan for the assessment of our academic programs, academic support services, and administrative support services. It's crucial that we continue these and other assessment related activities so that when our next SACSCOC occurs we are in good position. We also have been talking about ways to make assessment processes more meaningful and useful to faculty and staff who oversee these processes.
- Since 2014 we have had a tuition assistance MOU with the US Department of Defense. The MOU allows veterans and activity-duty military to receive funds to defray their educational costs. The Department has asked us to participate in a voluntary compliance program designed to ensure that recipient schools are meeting DOD policy requirements. I've been working on the self-assessment compliance report since last week. It's due on March 11.

Melinda Anderson

- Please remember that Olivia is out of the office.
- Send your meeting minutes to me.
- Working on upcoming meetings and events.

Adam Lord

- The business unit pages of the new website
- Supporting SLT as they prepare to present at Board of Supervisors this week
- Initial layout and writing of the next General's Briefing magazine (due out in March)
- Press coverage for our #4 ranking and enrollment story (LSU content, LA Radio network, The Advocate Acadiana, etc)

- New signs > Should start seeing new signs popping up on campus this week

Tyler Unsicker

- Successful Hall of Fame Induction ceremony on Saturday
- Hosting RRAC basketball tournament Feb 28-March 2nd 2025
- Men play at 1:15 and women at 4:45 next Friday Feb 28th for RRAC basketball tournament

Shelly Gill

- Enrollment Management:
- Application Report: Summer reflects increase of 33.46%; Fall increase of 6.14%. Data compared to Feb 12, 2024
- Spend the Day at A is Saturday. Currently 156 registered to attend.
- Prepping for Mulder Scholarship Day and Admitted Student Days.
- Mulder Scholarship Participant Finalists will be notified by end of day February 18.
- Reminder that Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline is February 28.
- Working on new Dual Enrollment possibilities for the 2025-26 school year. Reminder that cost for DE will increase to \$100/credit hour starting Fall 2025.
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Chad Gauthier

- TROPICS / WEATHER:
- Another round of sub-freezing temperatures this week. Wet weather continues to be a significant problem with current projects.

- FACILITY SERVICES:
- Entrance Tower Project –ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330. Began erecting steel last week. Rain has been a factor on their ability to work.
- Street Overlay Project (Drainage Part 3) – Monceaux – TL Construction \$896,500. Still expected to begin in March.
- Parking Lot 7 – MMLH – Contractor - Progressive Construction Company \$604,640. They have been vulnerable to the weather. Curbing crew is wrapping up now. Asphalt will be next depending on weather. Probably another 2 weeks without any delays.
- ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant – Work continues on – all phases, metal stud framing, drywall and exterior work is progressing nicely. Windows should begin going in soon. Bricks are being delivered.
- 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. LSU approved construction documents. Process has begun to initiate bidding. CLECO will be installing additional lighting on HWY 3170.
- Baseball/Softball Locker Rooms – A final decision was selected and Jim Weinzettle with ABW has delivered some rendering for the fund-raising efforts.
- DM Project – Campus HVAC Control replacement. AFC is \$850,000. Dustin Duval with M&E on design. Additional revisions were made with the contract last week. Awaiting final approval from LSU & FP&C.
- 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.
- RISK MANAGEMENT: Nothing to report at this time.

Charlie Dupont

- We have scheduled the retirement experts to be back on campus March 18th. Spots are already booking up quick.
- Recognition Dinner change from 3/25 to 4/28.
- HR is using a consolidated inbox for the purpose of more expedient and accurate processing of documentation
- HR sent out a summary for the state tax change in 2025. Still getting a lot of questions. Please instruct anyone with questions to come to HR. The team is well versed in this and can explain.
- Ensure to have documentation for low performing employees. The time to start gathering IS NOT when you decide to terminate someone.

Kelly Pepper

- Many thanks to those who stopped by the Foundation table last week to participate in "Thankful Generals". Post cards will be mailed to donors as a thank you for their support.
- Louisiana Alliance for Nonprofits will be on campus on February 19th hosting nonprofit Executive Directors from across the region an offering professional development.
- AMoA Board Meeting is scheduled for the 24th. If you have items that need to be discussed or shared with the board, please let myself or Catherine know.
- LSUA Foundation Board Meeting is scheduled for the 27th. If you have items that need to be discussed or shared with the board, please let me know.

Jason Normand

- T2 integration still underway
- Proclass set up is nearing completion
- Workday integrations and data conversions are ongoing

Dr. Susan Bowers

- Homecoming was a great success, faculty enjoyed being involved
- Appreciation to the registrar for keeping us updated on graduates that are not quite at 100%
- CTE's next AI workshop is this Friday with Rafael Romero
- Zoo Science concertation is picking up speed, student was hired at Zoosiana in Lafayette as primary giraffe keeper
- Starting to interview Ag candidates

Respectfully submitted by Melinda Anderson

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
