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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

3/20/2025 8:30 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

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

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Cattleman's Association Cooking with Coreil today – served 500 burgers!
- On April 5, Charlie Weems will be inducted into the LA Political Hall of Fame. Mr. Weems was instrumental in getting LSUA to a 4-year status.
- On Sept 23, we will have Semoine Augustus for the Shrimp Jam – very exciting and should be a great event.
- Legislative Breakfast – lobbying for the 13.5 M to get into P1 for the Downtown Healthcare Education Campus. Critically important to addressing workforce needs.
- Thank you for all of your hard work – we have the best team.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1, at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- The Testing Center is expanding access for proctored exams for students in online courses, especially those in Session 1 and Session 2 courses. Director Amy Creel will host an advertisement for part-time professional staff to help expand hours during final exams to include Thursday & Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday testing times. Students will have a \$10 fee for a proctored exam.
- I will attend the Board of Regents meeting next week, on Wednesday, March 26, in Baton Rouge. Our Campus Edge project will be on the agenda for approval. Due to a backlog in academic degree review, our two academic degree proposals (BS in Cybersecurity Technology and BS in Disaster Preparedness & Response) will be on a future agenda.

- Academic Affairs will host a quarterly (or more frequently if needed) meeting with all academic Administrative Assistants to review processes, efficiency, etc. If anyone has agenda items or would like to have time with this group, please let Liz or LaMona know.
- The faculty Career Champions Institute will tour Crest Industries tomorrow, Friday, March 21, and will meet with their leadership to learn about corporate culture and leadership development initiatives. We also have our VIP Networking Dinner at AMOA on April 10, with community and non-profit leaders meeting with our faculty champions to discuss curriculum-to-career goals and strategies.
- LSUA was proud to host Speaker Mike Johnson's Chief of Staff Ruth Ward and local representative Donna Howell on campus on Monday. Of particular note, Ms. Ward was excited about our new program development and responsiveness to the community workforce and industry needs.
- Shakespeare-on-the-Green performances are Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, at 7:30 pm on the green east of Mulder Hall. The cast is also holding a special performance for dual enrollment guests on Thursday, March 27.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Both Admitted Student Days are full with 83 students registered. The dates are April 11 and May 2.
- Orientation registration will open on April 1. Letters were sent by FYE to get new admits ready.
- Housing reminders continue to be sent to continuing and new students. We currently have 250 applications.
- The Generals Jam is coming up on April 10! Please make sure to purchase your ticket ahead of time, there won't be any tickets sold at the event. Haylee Malone has also sent an email to order t-shirts.
- We are investigating options for the Health Center and accepting insurance starting fall 2025. We are comparing costs for hiring somebody to do the insurance coding and billing, or a third party to do that. Of course, more information will be coming in the next few months, but I wanted to remind this group that change will start in the fall.
- There will be a watch party for the men's basketball team at The Oaks, 5:00 with popcorn and sweet treats.
- The Advisor Pact will go live in myLSUA on Monday morning when registration opens. This pact empowers both the student and advisor to know their responsibilities in the advising process. We want to ensure students know their responsibilities in the advising and registration process to stay on track to graduate.

Deron Thaxton

- Bottom-Up Evaluations — all senior leadership. All employees with at least 4 employees.
- Year-end reminders and dates. Just received, will go out next week. — expense reports. If you were on the list I sent out on Monday, please get those submitted by tomorrow, or cards will be suspended.
- Position list review for continuing growth.
- Budgeting process for next year — state portion will be around 17 percent, possibly a little less.
- BOR Approval for Edge
- Health Building — LSU asked architects yesterday what would be a good timeframe for bidding — we're getting prepped for that to happen soon.
- Tuition/Fee Increases — equates to roughly 400K for high-cost increases. Online increase will be roughly 1.3M — Net to LSUA 1M — based on flat enrollment.
- Spring 2 ended at 7100 — largest drop for non-attendance/Non-payment in quite a while.
- 70% of our students remain in Louisiana.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- We had a successful Aviation Open House at Million Air last Thursday. The event was well attended by prospective students and their parents, some of whom have followed up with me since the event. Quite a few of our current students were also present and engaged with the prospective students and their parents. Two FAA representatives were also present: Regional Operations Program Manager, Mr. Laennec Ratard, and Regional Maintenance / Airworthiness Program Manager, Mr. Myron Billiot. We were very glad to connect with them as they may turn out to be an important resource for the program. The Blackhawk helicopter landing added much excitement to the event. Many thanks to 1st Lt Jordan Cook for coordinating the landing.
- Our request to be approved as a Part 141 Ground skill is now being actively reviewed. Prior to this we were on a long waiting list. We will meet by zoom with the FAA review team in April for a briefing on the review process. If we are approved as 141 ground school, we will be authorized to award the ATP restriction to program graduates.
- The Testing Center is expanding its services to online students. In-Person Proctoring (i.e., at LSUA Testing Center) for Class Exams for both 100% Online students and face-to-face students taking online classes will be available for Elearn 2 and 2nd sessions students. A ten-dollar fee will be assessed for each for Proctored Exam. The fee can be paid via Registerblast (www.Registerblast.com/lsua/exam). In addition, the Testing Center will be open from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM on Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, 1:00 PM-6:00 PM for students taking finals for 2nd session and ELearn2 online courses. On Thursday, April 24, and Friday, April 25, the Testing Center will offer extended hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Melinda Anderson

- AC Buchanan Building/RRMC 807 Jackson Street transfer ceremony at 2:30 today.
- Legislative Update Breakfast will be on March 27.
- Veterans Lounge dedication on April 11.
- Hall of Distinction Reception May 1.
- The week after Easter will be extremely busy: Central LA Day at the Legislature; LSU Day at the Legislature; Board of Supervisors meetings, Bolton High School Hall of Fame dinner.
- First “Upon Adjournment Reception” on April 28 in BR.
- May 19 will be the LSUA “Upon Adjournment” reception.
- Remember to send your meeting notes to me!

Adam Lord

- Will send out the NAIA watch link to the Campus.
- Designs need to come through Canva (not PPT or Word)
- Aviation Open House - Great to see students who used to be on the prospective side of the table sitting across from future students, recruiting the next wave of pilots
- AC Buchanan Building donation ceremony today at 2:30
- LSU is building an interactive map for each parish to show the impact > Evening ASN cohort.
- LSU is going to create video content & web article about ag drones & LSUA
- LSU is highlighting Morgan Villard from SPERO on their “Working for Louisiana” site and social channels, showcasing her internship at a local vet (LSU is managing the social strategy, so stay tuned and wait for our LSUA account to share LSU’s content)

Shelly Gill

- Application report is still trending a bit higher than last year. Deron is assisting with dashboards that will allow us to look at applicant data in more detail.
- Mulder Scholarship – Saturday, March 22. We have 20 outstanding leaders coming to campus. Thank you to the faculty and staff for agreeing to help select our Mulder Scholars for this year. Dr. Liz Beard, Beth Whittington, Dr. Nate Sammons, Dr. Arlene Duos, Ashlee Hatwig, Dr. Abbey Bain, Cielta Adams, Connie Cooper.
- Admitted Student Day Planning is underway. 83 registered for each.
- Transfer fairs have started – we will be in contact with Academic Departments to assist with detailed questions from students we meet.

- Excited to work with Strat Comm to elevate the number of print pieces we plan to have for the next recruitment cycle.
- Dual Enrollment registration starts April 7.
- Working with Patrick on a special performance for Shakespeare on the Greene – Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for high school students.
- Will be meeting with RPSB to talk about piloting a program to offer on-campus DE options to students at 3 local high schools, with RPSB providing transportation – similar to our current APSB program.
- Summer Retreats will begin in June – we will start reaching out in the next few weeks to get academic departments and support departments on the calendar before everyone leaves for the summer.

Bobi Delaney

- We had a very large group that was dropped for non-attendance.
- Advising is now open, and Registration for continuing seniors is 3/24. Emails and texts will go out to each registration group the evening before it opens.
- Grad Fair is 3/26/25 in the Bookstore. All Certified Spring Candidates are invited.
- We will not process any more Spring Grad applications after 3/12/25. Students will be asked to apply for the following semester.
- As of today, there are 583 Certified Candidates for Graduation for Spring 2025.

Chad Gauthier

- Weather – Nothing to report at this time.
- Facility Services –
 - Entrance Tower Project –ABW Architects – Contractor - Bayou Rapides Corporation \$465,330. Steel erection is still taking place. The concrete base has been poured.
 - Street Overlay Project (Drainage Part 3) – Monceaux – TL Construction \$896,500. Paving is complete on Tisdale, Myrick, and the North side of Bowman. They will begin today, pouring turn-ins. Milling is complete on South Bowman and Marshall. They will begin laying asphalt next week. One issue that has been found is the turn-ins for the Fitness Center, and we may have to replace some or all of those culverts.
 - Parking Lot 7 – MMLH – Contractor - Progressive Construction Company \$604,640. Half the lot is still open. Electrical is wrapping up, should be 3-4 days, then the entire lot should be finished.
 - ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant – Work continues on – all phases, metal stud framing, drywall, and exterior work are progressing nicely. Windows and window frames are going in. Sheetrock is starting to get finished in some areas. Brickwork had begun but was not up to standards and had to be removed to start over, and a new masonry crew was requested.

- Health Education Downtown Campus – ABW Architects. In design development. Without any complications, it remains on track to bid late Spring or Summer 2025.
- Roadway Lighting - \$250,000 from the state – Mark Neely from ADG is the designer. Bids are being accepted at this time and are due in April. I would expect construction to begin shortly after bids and contracts are finalized. 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 renderings for the fundraising efforts.
- DM Project – Campus HVAC Control replacement. AFC is \$850,000. Dustin Duval with M&E on design. Additional revisions were made to the contract last week. Awaiting final approval for contract from LSU & FP&C.
- Military Tank for The Fort –LA National Guard has begun the process. Latest communication with the team is that things are still moving forward, however, it must go through the federal process first.
- Many additional smaller in-house projects throughout the campus.
- Risk Management – Nothing to report at this time.

Charlie Dupont

- Birth month audits have been successful and will continue.
- HR taught 2 CYC skill block classes and is getting more involved with educational opportunities.
- Reminder of W2 and 1095 online
- FMLA discussion

Connie Cooper

- Met with the Academic Council and will be meeting with departments and units, essentially, any area that would implement engagement programs and initiatives, and reviewing practices that could create a compliance issue with Title VI and the Fourteenth Amendment. A basic example would be ensuring that all programs and initiatives are open to everyone and that we are articulating that effectively. Working with Strategic Communications to ensure that the messaging information that we send out does not create any issues. Mira Parks did a great job of helping to explain what is acceptable and what is not, and why.

Kelly Pepper

- Many thanks for your support for the Donor Beam Signing last week. This was a great halfway point to continue the celebration of this outstanding addition to our campus
- The A.C. Buchanan Key Exchange event is scheduled for today. We hope everyone can attend.

- Also, today is the ribbon cutting on the Northrup statue at the Alexandria Museum of Art at 5 pm.
- The winner of the workplace giving reserved parking space will be announced next week for April.
- March 31 is the next Alexandria Museum of Art board meeting. If you have announcements or agenda items, please let us know.
- LSUA Giving Day was a huge success, raising \$162,505, and we couldn't have done that without the support of our donors, and we sincerely appreciate the Cabinet's help in promoting the event. Battle of the Generals raised \$512.77, and we have a new winner who will be announced next week.

Jason Normand

- Prepping for registration that begins on Monday, the 24th.
- Workday data conversions are still ongoing.
- Workday integrations are getting closer to testing. Working to get the Reach sandbox set up and ready for the Workday Onsite meeting.
- Working with IR on some reports and interviewing the data analyst candidates.

Dr. Susan Bowers

- Thank you to Bobi and her team for all their help with graduating students, and keeping on top of course subs and degree audits.
- CTE AI Workshop – Being held on March 28th, this event will provide valuable insights into emerging technologies and their applications in career and technical education.
- Career Champions Round Table – This session featured an engaging discussion with industry partners, who shared their perspectives on the key skills our students need to successfully enter the workforce.

Respectfully submitted by Melinda Anderson

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