

# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

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2/12/2020 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Shelly Gill, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Adam Jonson, Elizabeth Jonson, Chancey Slider

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#### **Chancellor's Updates:**

- Congratulations to Dr. Abbey Bain who has accepted the permanent Vice Chancellor for Enrollment and Student Engagement position effective February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Besides getting funds from private partners, Dr. Cormier, with the approval of the President, will also apply to get capitation funding from the Board of Regents for our nursing program.
  - Elizabeth Jonson will be transitioning to a fulltime position. We appreciate her initiative and hard work.
  - With the retirement of Mary McCampbell, we will begin discussions about strategically restructuring LSUA Foundation support, Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations activities for maximum impact and effectiveness.
  - The Cabinet discussed the Mardi Gras parade and we are looking forward to it next week. KALB plans to come to campus to get some live coverage. All departments, offices, and organizations on campus are encouraged to attend. We are also encouraging community participation.
  - The Legislative Breakfast was well attended and we had some great discussions with our local legislators about critical higher education needs and our Drainage Project.
  - Senator Luneau is meeting with the Governor tomorrow to discuss the Drainage Project.
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### Reports

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Abbey Bain

- Welcome Michael Courson as the Director of Residential life. He will begin serving in his new position on 2/12.
- The Enrollment Management Taskforce will meet this Friday. A date has been set in late March for an ACT prep night in the community.

- Registration will open on March 30<sup>th</sup> for seniors and the advising period will open on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The advising period was moved up to help the bottleneck of Spring 2 grades and advising opening simultaneously.
- Interviews for the Advising and Retention Specialist position were completed last week and we plan to select a candidate this week.
- Thanks to the homecoming committee and volunteers for helping with all of the activities this week. Unfortunately, some activities had to be modified due to the rain.
- Working on updates with ADA, Title IX, and Risk Management. Thanks to Daniel Manuel for doing a phenomenal job with the needs analysis and campus safety.
- Working on efforts to make campus more aware of sexual assault and Title IX issues. We plan to have a “Take Back the Night” event in April. It will be the first time our campus has ever hosted an event like this. We plan to have a candle-lit walk around campus and then have a survivor share their experience regarding sexual assault. We hope to form some committees to get faculty and staff more involved and to be more aware of Title IX and disability services.
- We are having a Legislative Panel on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in Coughlin Auditorium. Senator Cloud, Senator Luneau, and Representative Deshotel plan to attend. Al Quartemont from KALB will be the moderator. It will be an open panel and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Thanks to David Shanks, Haylee Malone, and the media team for planning this event.
- The annual LSUA Mardi Gras parade is next Wednesday and will kick off at noon.

#### Haywood Joiner

- Met with individuals including the Dean, Department Chair of Comprehensive Dentistry, and the Program Director for Dental Hygiene from the LSU Dental School on February 10<sup>th</sup> regarding a possible satellite dental hygiene program to be offered on our campus. They are very interested in the possibility of establishing a program at LSUA. Students would complete two years of dental hygiene courses through our program and then switch to the LSU School of Dentistry program for the remainder of their courses. Five local dentists were present at the meeting and they were all in support of developing this program. Everyone present agreed there is a growing demand and need for this program in our community. The next step is to pull together a group of stakeholders from the community to take a look at steps toward financial support.

#### Eamon Halpin

- Received a letter from COPLAC informing us that the membership committee voted unanimously in favor of LSUA’s request to be granted provisional membership of COPLAC. Their recommendation will go to the executive committee later this month or in March for their vote of approval. We are confident that provisional membership will be granted.
- Set up a steering committee for guidance on the proposed program for students with intellectual disabilities. Penny Smith, Robert Wright, Daniel Manuel, Dr. John Haag, and I are all a part of this committee. We had the first meeting last night and plan to meet again next week.

- Planning to meet with the Veteran Affairs representative soon concerning the development of an aviation management/science program.

#### Adam Jonson

- Homecoming events are going well, but some have been modified due to the rain. Today we will have tie dye t-shirt making in the ballroom along with Valentines for Vets. The spirit train had to be called off due to the rain.
- We will not have any baseball games this weekend due to weather. Softball is still hoping to play, but depends on the rain. Softball games are scheduled for 11:00am on Friday and at 1:30pm and 5:30pm on Saturday. Tennis is playing here at 2:00pm on Friday.
- Faculty and staff karaoke night was a success. Thanks to all of those who volunteered and attended.
- Putting together the final pieces for the 2020 Basketball Conference Tournament taking place on March 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at the Rapides Parish Coliseum. They are currently installing the floor and we plan to check the floors and goals to be sure everything is set up and working correctly.
- We hope to have the NAIA conference contract finalized this week. We plan to hold a press conference at the end of March.
- The Tank mascot costume will be in today. The Cabinet discussed the time to roll out the new costume and agreed to wait to reveal it until a personality has been developed for Tank. The reveal may take place during the last basketball game of the season on February 29<sup>th</sup> (the 60<sup>th</sup> day of the year), but we will continue to have discussions.

#### Elizabeth Jonson

- Dr. Dumancas' s story was shared on social media and has been picked up by local television stations. We plan to continue to share positive stories like this one.

#### Deron Thaxton

- Revenue at the end of January was up by \$110,000 due to fee increases. We projected to be up by \$167,000, but we still have Spring 3 that will be added to revenue. Budgets may be a little tight by the end of the year, but not in bad shape.
- Next year's budget hearings are scheduled to take place at the state capitol on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Welcome Mr. Kevin Vercher who has been appointed as the Executive Director of Facility Services, effective February 17<sup>th</sup>. Kevin has extensive experience in operating and managing both public and commercial facilities, as well as 25+ years in consulting and managing building control systems. Mr. Vercher is a great addition to our growing team and will be an asset to LSUA.
- We are currently working on campus updates for ADA compliance such as handicapped parking, signs, and restrooms.
- Received finalized plans for the new student services building from Ashe Broussard Weinzettle Architects.
- We will be hiring another IT Program Analyst in the future.

### Shelly Gill

- The application report shows that applications for Fall are up by 17% and admits are up 24.5% for on-campus students compared to this time last year. Online student applications for Fall are also trending upward. Working with the Enrollment Management Taskforce to increase the yield of application admissions.
- Working this week to pick the top five Mulder Scholarship applicants to bring to campus. We had a total of 37 apps of which 32 qualified.
- Together Tuesday is taking place on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are encouraging all faculty and staff to participate.
- Spend the Day at A is taking place on the Saturday of Homecoming week, February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Will be having some departmental changes in order to accommodate online growth.
- Dual enrollment opportunities are increasing. Met with Menard last week and they asked about transitioning to only using LSUA for dual enrollment courses. Meeting with ASH next week to discuss expanding dual enrollment on their campus.

### Melinda Anderson

- Welcome back to Deron Thaxton.
- The Cenla Nurses for the Future press conference last week was very well attended and well received.
- Great job to Dr. Coreil on the extraordinary presentation he gave to at Rotary last week. Compliments to Liz on the PowerPoint that was shown.
- The Fierce for LSUA reception in Houston took place last week. Thank you to Dr. Coreil and Dr. Joiner for attending. We also had five board members in attendance. It was a very impactful group and we were able to visit one-on-one and make connections with potential donors.
- Reviewing the Mulder Scholarship essays.
- The Black History Luncheon is almost sold out and we are very excited to be hosting this event again soon.
- Professorship interviews are taking place next Friday.
- We will be conducting interviews for the finalists of the Mulder Scholarship on March 14<sup>th</sup>. A dinner will follow at the Alexandria Museum of Art to honor all of the finalists.
- Working with Laura and Chancey on the Employee Recognition Dinner.
- Working with the City of Alexandria regarding the press conference for the computer room.
- Continuing to work on the Capital Campaign. Mary Maloney will be with us for another six weeks.

### Chancey Slider

- The Employee Recognition Dinner will take place on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets must be purchased and picked up in the Human Resource Management office by March 8<sup>th</sup>. The social hour will begin at 5:00pm and the dinner and awards ceremony will take place at 6:00pm.

### John Rowan

- Registration and advising dates have changed as Abbey mentioned.

- Promotion and tenure decisions have been made and letters have gone out.
- Presentations for applicants of endowed professorships will take place all day next Friday, Feb. 21.
- The China trip for students has been cancelled.
- We have been told by LSU Online that the exit from AP may cause a minimal gap in marketing coverage which may cause online enrollment to temporarily change.
- Dr. Sasha Thackaberry, Vice Provost of Digital and Continuing Education at LSU, will be the main speaker at Rotary next Tuesday.
- Conducting interviews for the Chair of the Biology Department. We hope to have interviews completed in the next two weeks.
- Dr. Jerry Sanson will be retiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will need to arrange for leadership in the Department of History and Political Sciences.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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The Next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, at 2:00 PM

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