



MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

2/24/2021 1:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

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

Guests: Donald Collins, Melissa LaBorde, Kevin Vercher, Jerri Weston

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Chancellor's Updates:

- We continue to submit our weekly report regarding COVID-19 cases to the LA Board of Regents and LDH.
- Abbey and Daniel are working on a letter that will go to students regarding fall COVID-19 expectations. If vaccine distribution continues at the current pace, we do anticipate that fall 2021 will transition to near normal face-to-face classes and activities, with the wearing of masks expected to continue. This all depends on where COVID cases are at that time and the continuation of positive trends.
- The work that Abbey and Daniel did to get LSUA approved to distribute vaccines is very much appreciated. Not many other universities were approved to be points of distribution (PDDs) this early so I want to complement their hard work. It has been very beneficial to the families that work here on campus as well as our students.
- The Cabinet meeting every two weeks is working well and we will continue with this schedule.
- Our visit today with the nursing accreditation team and LSUA administration went very well. They had very positive comments and praise for our nursing programs. This is clearly a credit to Dr. Cormier's leadership and to the faculty and staff in the nursing department.
- We have work to do regarding the proposed fees required to implement the new professional aviation program. These program fees are for flight time required for this degree. The fee proposal must be approved by the LSU Board of Supervisors. If approved, then it will also have to be approved by the Louisiana Legislature. The LSU BOS will consider these aviation fees on Friday, March 5.
- The allied health demolition work is still being planned and we are hopeful that the Alexandria City Council will be willing to provide support for this project due to its downtown revitalization benefits. We should know more in the next couple of weeks when the council considers the financial support proposal.
- Facilities, Campus Police, and the RA's did a great job during the winter weather campus closure that we had last week. We appreciate everyone's dedicated service and hard work.
- Michelle Rozas and Abby Dupuy were two of the first employees to be recognized and introduced to campus via email story and photo. We hope that supervisors across campus will

continue to work with HRM and Strategic Communications to ensure that all new employees are welcomed to campus through this campus-wide alert initiative.

- I plan on cooking gumbo on April 17th for the The Oaks residents. More information will be provided to residents soon.
- Thanks to everyone for the dedicated work conducted day in and day out. The positive energy and positive attitude expressed by LSUA is being recognized across the community and across the entire region. Thank you!
- The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday March 10th.

Reports

John Rowan

- Our nursing department is currently undergoing virtual accreditation visits this week. My request is to please not ask our nursing department for anything that can wait until after the accreditation is over and to please promptly respond as soon as possible if they request any needs from you.
- Continuing the search for the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Daniel Manuel is chairing the search committee and the first round of interviews for 8 applicants went great. We have some very strong candidates and are working on narrowing down to finalists to meet with campus continuants.
- We are in hiring season for faculty and have several positions open across different departments on campus. We look forward to new faculty joining us for fall.
- Been meeting with Bill Bridges who is the head of Country Day. Lauren Davis from for UA and their team have been looking at some academic offerings that we could provide for their students. The partnership from an academic perspective is going very well so far.
- SPERO program planning is going forward and the steering committee plans to develop and carry out a more intentional fundraising plan. We have done well at this point with over \$42,000 privately raised, but we are not where we need to be to start the program in fall 2021. The committee is going to revisit brand opportunities and carry out a new plan to start the program in fall 2022.
- The advising period starts this coming Monday and registration begins on March 15th.
- We have a lot going on with program development and are currently looking at fees for the proposed aviation program.

Eamon Halpin

- Continuing to work on the proposed aviation program with Raja and Shari. We have made a lot of progress, but still have some hurdles to overcome before the program can be launched such as the approval of fees for flight courses. These hefty fees will be used to reimburse the flight school and be considered revenue to LSUA. We can't have program without fee approval which is under consideration by the Board of Supervisors. They will vote on the fee approval next Friday. We have been busy crafting the proposal and making additions, as well as working with John on writing some letters of support for some of friends of LSUA. If its approved, it will then go to Louisiana legislature for a vote of approval. This is new territory, but we are very

optimistic. The content is completely new for us so we will have to submit information to inform SACSCOC of our plans to get the green light.

- The SPERO committee is not ceasing activity, but we want to launch with confidence when we have adequate funding for the foreseeable future. We have raised over \$42000 in private funds in a short amount of time. The steering committee will continue to meet on a regular basis and plan to have a strategic planning meeting soon. We are working on a more intentional and long-term fundraising strategy. The seed has been planted in the community and has significant awareness already.

Jerri Weston

- Advising opens on Monday and we are sending out an email this afternoon to remind students. Registration will begin on March 15th.
- Summer and fall schedules are live now and classroom assignments are being worked on.
- Due to the winter weather advisory, some assignments and due dates have been moved back. We will allow grades to be turned in a little later than the Wednesday deadline and we will send an email to faculty to let them know soon.
- Graduation applications are now 100% electronic for all departments. We currently have 43 applications for the summer and fall terms. We are very excited about this transition that will help things to be more efficient, especially for online students. Special thanks to Suman. We are no longer accepting applications for spring graduation.
- The registration posters and table tops arrived today and we will be posting around campus over the next few days.

Deron Thaxton

- The Drainage Project bid was awarded to Womack and Sons. They are on campus with survey equipment and setting some preliminary elevation points. We are looking at late spring before the environmental study is complete and then we should be in full swing. It is great to see this project beginning. We will meet soon to set phases for the project and will have a very brief preliminary meeting on Monday for introductions.
- We recently had a night campus walkthrough after the lighting replacement project was completed and lighting has significantly improved. There are still a few places that we need to add lighting that we will work on once the Drainage Project starts so that we can align with construction plans. Thanks to the Public Service Commission for the grant that funded our recent campus lighting upgrades.
- We received the second allotment of Cares Act dollars totaling \$2.9 million institutional dollars and \$99,000 to for students. We will have a small group meeting on Friday to discuss the student allocation formula and plan to have funds going out to students in the next few weeks. There are some differences in regulations for these dollars compared to the last allotment. On the student side of things, we can apply funds to their outstanding balances now with their permission. As far as institutional dollars go, we are still waiting to see what happens with state budgets next year incase those dollars are used to offset state reductions.
- Looking at grant opportunities with the Federal Department of Defense in regards to LSUA providing or overseeing security trainings for vendors and suppliers contracted with the

department of defense. This will be a great way to get our name out there into the cyber security realm and computer sciences. I had a call with Department of Defense recently and they assign this grant to one entity per state and there is currently not an entity in Louisiana. This could be a huge statewide initiative opportunity for our campus. A group of us are going to a cyber security facility in Bossier City later this week to tour the facility.

- We had some damage on campus from winter weather last week that we are addressing especially in the cafeteria, at G4, and at the police station. The damages are mostly minor. Thanks to Kevin and facilities for being on top of it and for being here every day to ensure that campus needs were met.

Abbey Bain

- We are getting ready for advising to begin next week. Our new staff advisors start this week and we are eager to welcome them. Abby Dupuy will be joining the team and she is currently working on her master's degree at LSU. We also want to welcome Michelle Rozas as our new nurse practitioner for the health center. We are excited to have them both on board. Another new advisor starts next week and we are reviewing applications to get a 3rd advisor on board. We will be linking up with academic departments to work closely with advisors and DOES. We want our advisors to be part of the programs and events and to work closely with and participate within departments in order to strengthen student experience. We hope to have the advising script finalized in the next couple of weeks.
- Continuing progress with COVID-19 vaccinations. We are sending out appointment reminder info to faculty or staff who completed the preregistration survey and monitoring appointment scheduling. Michelle has some great ideas for our health center expansions. We want her to spend some time with other areas of campus to put heads together and collect ideas and feedback.
- Total U is taking place next week and we have a social justice activist and rapper to give a unique, powerful and fun message to our students. More information will be going out to campus soon and we ask that all faculty and staff encourage students to participate.
- Homecoming week is coming up during the week of March 15th.
- Take Back the Night will take place on March 16th and we want faculty, staff and students to attend. Katie Koestner, our guest speaker, is a survivor of sexual assault and will virtually give her testimony. We will have a big screen up on the quad for those in attendance to view and then march around campus to conclude the event.
- We plan to add a new component to the Employee Recognition Dinner where students will nominate faculty and staff for awards.

Shelly Gill

- Our current application report is holding steady compared to 2019 numbers. Thanks to Dr. Joiner for going to Northwood Highschool with our recruiters to represent LSUA and present to potential students.
- Meeting with Sekena from the city of Alexandria on Monday to talk about reengaging with our city youth like we did previously with the Ready Expo and ACT workshop. These may take place virtually in March and April.

- Spend the Day at A will take place on March 20th. We will be doing being mail, email, and some social media pushes soon. 44 potential students have registered as of now and we will cap the group at 100 plus one guest per person for a total of 200. We will send the agenda to all support staff after this meeting. We want to get as many areas of campus involved as possible.
- Kaitlyn has been hosting Zoom interviews for the open recruiter position and will bring finalists to campus soon.
- Finalists for the Mulder Scholarship have been selected. There are five current and five new students.
- Financial Aid will start loading 2021 information this week.
- Working with Chase in Strategic Communications to jazz up the lobby in Abrams for visitors.
- This Friday, about 50 junior high students from very parish in the state are coming to campus for a 4-H workshop. Please welcome them to campus and thank them for coming if you see them. We plan to do some career exploration and encouraging them to go to college and attend LSUA.
- Still currently working on going through applications.

Melinda Anderson

- The Epps House opening date has still not been decided and administration will soon discuss the implementation of scheduling and a support person on campus.
- There is a virtual Chamber meeting next week and the entire cabinet is invited to attend at no cost.
- We will have a Foundation Board meeting Thursday morning.
- Working on new scholarships and accounting collaborations with the local industry.
- Working with Dr. Rowan to get professorship interviews rescheduled since they were cancelled last week due to the winter weather closure.
- Mulder Scholar interviews will take place on March 13th.
- Working on homecoming activity planning.
- Working on budgets.

Haywood Joiner

- Work is continuing on plans to renovate space on the second floor of the Allied Health Education Building to house the LSUE Surgical Technology Program. Drawings have been sent to Renee Guillory, LSUE Surgical Tech Program Coordinator for review.
- The 2020 – 2021 Carl Perkins Carryover grant in the amount of \$1,189.69 has been submitted to CLTCC for approval. Funds will be used in support of professional development activities for faculty in the Department of Nursing and for supplies for the ALLH and Nursing Resource Lab.
- Affiliation agreements have been signed with Ochsner Health System, New Orleans, and Bayhealth Hospital, Dover Delaware, for participation in LSUA's Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science Program. Students employed at Ochsner and Bayhealth holding the Associate of Science in Medical Laboratory Science will have the option of getting the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science through LSUA via LSU Online.
- The local needs assessment in support of the need for Dental Hygienist in the LSUA service area has been completed and submitted to Jane Walsh, Dental Hygiene Program Director, LSUSD, New Orleans, for review. We are working with the Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center (CLAHEC) to determine the need for Dental General Practice Residents (GPR) an

additional program that may be included in the satellite location of the LSUSD program in Alexandria. The purpose of the GPR program is to attract dentist into rural areas of Louisiana in an effort to provide dental services to individuals without access to such care.

Elizabeth Jonson

- Chase Dyess, our contracted graphic designer, is in office this week and we are excited to have him on board.
- Working on getting quotes for a digital push through the end of the fiscal year to target applications and recruiting.
- We have several press releases out and going out soon including one for our partnership with Rapides Regional Medical Center, robotics, and the Epps House.
- Still waiting on the brand campaign video to be completed. It has been slightly delayed due to storm, but we hope to have it soon.
- Will work with admissions to do a push for reminding current students to renew FAFSAs.

Melissa LaBorde

- Faculty Senate is circling back to some tabled items and getting things done. We are still working on policies. Thanks to Jerri for supporting faculty with the I-grade process.
- Liz has been nominated for the Practitioner of the Year Award through our local chapter of the Public Relations Association of Louisiana. We are very proud of her nomination and look forward to the award announcement next week.
- About to do a second call for Chancellor's Funds.
- We are concerned about evaluations since the process through survey monkey sent some surveys to junk mail which could impact the response rate.
- Getting ready for advising to begin.
- Will be meeting with Dr. Coreil soon to discuss course schedules that have been proposed by some faculty members.

Adam Jonson

- Women's basketball tonight to wrap up regular season. Men's basketball did not compete this week due to precautions with COVID-19. We will play in the conference tournament. Championship day is on Monday. It will be abbreviated with only 4 teams on both sides since some teams have backed out.
- The NAIA opening round tournament is scheduled for March 12th-13th. Women's basketball will need to win their conference tournament to get a bid on the national tournament. Men's basketball is likely to be an at-large selection even if they do not win their conference tournament.
- There are still a lot of unknowns for the national tournaments. We are working out testing requirements with NAIA and have a call in the morning to discuss the possibility of testing on our campus for all tournament players.

Chancey Slider

- Continuing to work with Dr. Corbat and administration on policy statement reviews and revisions.

- LSUA is participating in the virtual Relay for Life for Rapides Parish again this year. Please encourage members in your area to help us fundraise.
- The Employee Recognition Dinner is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Quad on Tuesday, April 13th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. More information will be sent out to campus soon.
- 2021 Spring Commencement is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 13th at the Mega Shelter. We plan to host a drive-through ceremony like we did last fall in order to abide by COVID-19 protocol. More information will be posted on the commencement webpage and will be sent out to campus soon.

Kevin Vercher

- We had some damage on campus and leaks from the winter weather and we are still working on repairs.
- Continuing to work on the soccer house and we are close to finishing for the Fire Marshall inspection so that it can open in the next few weeks.
- The completion date for the project at the fitness center is coming up quickly and contractor is a little behind, but we are meeting tomorrow.
- Thanks for everyone for your patience as we are short staffed, but we hope to fill positions in the next couple weeks or so.

Donald Collins

- Campus is safe and secure.
- Campus experienced had 4-6 inches of ice during from the winter storm last week, but everyone on campus stayed safe. We were able to keep regular patrols including the downtown locations and the Mega Shelter. Thanks to our officers who reported to work daily and made every effort to ensure campus safety.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 10th.
