



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

5/19/2021 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, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Shelly Gill, Bob Austin, Chancey Slider

Guests: Chad Gauthier, Melissa LaBorde, Kevin Vercher, Jerri Weston

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

- Dr. Joiner is recovering amazingly well and sounding as strong as ever. We will continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers and look forward to his return.
- COPE students will again be on campus this summer beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup> and we are looking forward to hosting them and assuring they have a high impact educational experience.
- Currently, universities are still required to wear masks regardless of individuals being vaccinated or not. I am working closely with Chad Gauthier and the COVID-19 Taskforce and will continue to provide updates as we get them from the governor's office.
- Sent the introductory video from LSU President William Tate who will begin in July to the entire campus. We welcome him to the LSU family and look forward to working with him.
- Excited for the upcoming Drainage Project Groundbreaking on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Governor Edwards and the Central LA Legislative Delegation are planning to attend.
- The LSUA Student Success Center state match request for \$5 million dollars was added as an amendment to HB2. We have significant legislative support and the governor publicly announced his support during the recent CENLA Day at the Capitol media event.
- The aviation program fee bill (HB 410) passed the House unanimously and is in the Senate now. If passed, we may try to set up a signing ceremony with the governor to promote the program.
- Connie Cooper begins her role on campus as the Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Her office will be located on third floor of Mulder. We look forward to having her on board and hope to have a reception to welcome her to campus.
- The Athletic Director Search Committee has met and the job announcement should be out this week. Dr. Rob Wright is serving as the Chair. Three potential applicants have already called asking about the position.
- The Campus Edge project should be wrapped up in June. We look forward to receiving the final report regarding the potential for retail establishments on the corner of U.S. 71 and the Marksville Highway.

- Leadership CENLA went on a trip to the LA State Capitol today to learn more about the legislative process. They also hope to advocate in support for both the aviation fee bill and the state match for the Student Success Center.
- Funding has been approved for the demolition of the downtown building near Allied Health. We are working out an MOU with the city and hope to have the demolition completed by the end of summer. We will be looking at the feasibility of raising funds for the construction of an additional Allied Health building for program expansion and workforce development. Funds are already dedicated to this project in the LSUA Foundation.
- The next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Reports

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### **John Rowan**

- We ended the semester very strongly, thanks to the outstanding work of the faculty.
- Faculty was very happy to return to the coliseum for commencement. We had a terrific speaker, Missy LaBorde, who gave an excellent commencement message. Job well done, Missy!
- We will be working on several projects this summer including policies, building planning and organization of administrative committees. Over the next couple of weeks, I may be sending this group lists of things that we may need assistance with.
- We need to keep working to ensure that everything goes smoothly with the upcoming academic structural changes. We need to take a look at the website, workday flows, branding, etc. I am grateful to everyone who has been involved in back office work leading up to the changes effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We appreciate Eamon Halpin for filling in for Dr. Joiner over the Education and Allied Health departments. Dr. Joiner is doing very well and we look forward to his return.

### **Eamon Halpin**

- We are currently advertising for an administrative assistant position in education, and for three faculty positions, one in education, one in kinesiology, and one in Allied Health. I am quite involved in the process on behalf of Dr. Joiner and everything is on target.
- Our request for funding from Blue Cross Blue Shield for SPERO was approved last week. Our initial request was for \$100,000 to launch the program and keep going for the first year, but they upped the amount to \$126,000 to be dispersed over a four-year period to keep the program running. This benefit is will give us some leverage when we apply for additional grant money since philanthropic organizations like to see that projects have multiple sponsors and it makes them feel more comfortable pitching in. We are still on track to launch in Fall 2022. I am working with Chloe Wiley on logistics.
- Working with Nina Cox on developing some additional study abroad opportunities for our students in Paris, Rome, and possibly Argentina. We have been Zooming with staff from several universities and we are trying to put a more coherent overall framework for student

exchange MOUs and clearer financial footing into place. We met with John yesterday and we will all continue to meet. I will keep Cabinet posted with progress.

### **Jerri Weston**

- For Spring 2021, we awarded 67 associate degrees, 200 bachelor degrees, 4 pharmacy technology certificates, 18 post-baccalaureate degrees, and had a total of 289 graduates as of now. Some degree candidates are still pending due to waivers and transcripts.
- The drop for non-attendance for summer first session was yesterday. R
- Registration numbers are looking strong. We have 1553 registered for summer and 1859 for fall as of now.
- The electronic drop form has been uploaded through MyLSUA and is working well. Students can drop classes by completing the form which will notify the professor and our office. We have a goal set to get the electronic curriculum change form uploaded into MyLSUA for fall.
- Started implementation on Curriculog.
- Have been attending SIS meetings this week.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Attended Cenla Day at the Capitol on May 5<sup>th</sup> along with Dr. Coreil and Liz. It was a wonderful day full of local legislative support.
- Finance and Executive Committee meetings have taken place regarding budgets.
- Working on the Grove Avenue house that was donated. Thanks and a shout out to Kevin and his team for all of the hard work they have been doing on repairs and renovations. We hope to host an event there soon.
- We hosted a new board member lunch for Bill Fontenot on Monday and it was a well-attended, lovely event.
- Held our first face-to-face Foundation Board meeting yesterday since COVID-19 and 15 out of 21 members attended in person. We will continue to offer a Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. Thanks to Liz for the awesome press release.
- Working with Toby Brazzel on the upcoming GAA board meeting and discussing future fundraising opportunities.
- Planning for the groundbreaking of the Drainage Project.
- Premiering an updated Capital Campaign Student Success Center video with new initiatives after the groundbreaking of the Drainage Project.

### **Shelly Gill**

- Completed recruiter interviews and we will be announcing hire soon. We will be having a lot of training sessions this summer and I will be asking some administration and department representative to meet with our staff.
- Continuing to work through applications to get students admitted.
- Will be hosting many large group tours this summer.

- Working with strategic communications to update [www.explore.lsua.edu](http://www.explore.lsua.edu) with some new videos and highlights for the new colleges and areas of campus.
- Scholarship changes for 2022: A group met to discuss possibility of reserving some scholarship funds to offer to some to current students who are doing well in order to help retain students. The suggested changes were sent to the Cabinet prior to this meeting for review. Any changes made do not have to go to the Board of Supervisors since they are already approved and we are only changing some amounts. Scholarships already given to students will not be changed. The Cabinet had some discussion and will take a final vote at the next meeting.

### **Bob Austin**

- We had 21 student athletes graduate last week. It is great to see them achieve this goal and we wish them all the best.
- At 9:00am today, tennis started their match at Nationals in Mobile, AL. They are playing William Woods from Missouri today. It will not be livestreamed unfortunately, but we will be tweeting updates.
- The search committee has been formed for the new athletic director and women's soccer coach. We hope to have these positions filled soon.

### **Melissa LaBorde**

- The approved C&C minutes have been sent out and include approval of the aviation courses and changes to several nursing courses.
- There has been a little bit of concern among our faculty now that the LSU Faculty Senate is requesting required vaccines for all students for the fall. I conveyed that our campus would follow the CDC and Governor's guidelines and likely stay in line with LSU which has already announced that they will not require vaccines.
- Buddy Camp will be a one-day event this year on June 24<sup>th</sup> and we may want to offer volunteers particularly for the teen session from 5:30-8 pm. This would be a good partnership for the SPERO program.
- We are glad to hear that the Administrative Committees are in place for fall.
- Faculty was very glad to be at commencement and we had a great turn out.

### **Kevin Vercher**

- Awarded the resurfacing of the tennis courts project this week and work will begin in the next few weeks.
- Work would have started on the Drainage Project potholing process, but rain held us up. Contractors will be here next week to begin the process.
- Moving the big generator from behind the Fitness Center to the water yard next week.
- Working on several insurance claims. Chads presence has made a positive impact on this front.
- Finished the soccer house and the team seems to be enjoying it.

- Inherited the Grove Estate and had the maintenance crew doing work there the last few weeks such as painting and adding fencing.
- Will be painting police station next week and Abrams follow as the next paint project.
- Final walkthrough for the Fitness Center HVAC project is tomorrow.
- Plumbing project will be bid soon for touchless plumbing fixtures across campus under the cares or American Rescue Act.
- Today, a contractor is on campus doing study on air quality to see if we are a good fit for putting up UV lighting that kills bacteria, etc.

### **Chad Gauthier**

- Glad to be back on campus and looking forward to working with everyone. I am planning on getting campus safety and risk management initiatives into good shape.
- The majority of my time is being spent on getting ready for an upcoming audit next month.
- I have met with Kevin and we will continue to meet often.
- I have been meeting with Dr. Coreil, Kevin and others to work o getting insurance claims worked through. We have some damages from a year ago that need to be taken care of and I am pushing for completion. All projects on Dr. Coreil's and Kevin's priority lists will be of major focus.
- One case of COVID- 19 was reported on campus last week. We have not had another positive case since then.
- Recently did a campus walkthrough with Chief Collins. I pulled some AEDs for maintenance and replacement.
- We are looking into alternatives for the old call boxes on campus. Most universities are now using safety apps on cell phones and electronic devices. We are looking into a potential app to purchase, but I will be will working with Abbey, Student Government, IET, Chief & UPD, and Deron before we take any leaps. The goal is to phase out call boxes because of maintenance issues.

### **Chancey Slider**

- Commencement went very well. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, attended, and supported the event. The Chancellor's Award recipients will be announced soon.
- Working on policy statements and hope to get several revisions posted this summer.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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