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LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

6/2/2021 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Shelly Gill, Bob Austin, Chancey Slider

Guests: Melissa LaBorde, Nathaniel Parish, Kevin Vercher

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Chancellor's Updates:

- We are strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations so that we can hopefully get back to normal on campus by the start of the fall semester. There is still a mask requirement for all indoor areas on campus and we are following the guidelines that LSU has put into place.
- The Aviation Fee Bill that was approved in the Senate Education Committee yesterday will be going to the Senate Finance Committee and then to the Senate floor for final passage. From the Senate it will be sent to the Governor for his signature. The session ends June 10th and there has been no opposition expressed to date. We hope to have news conference or signing ceremony with the Governor and the Central LA Legislative Delegation if the bill is approved.
- We are very honored and excited to host the LSU Board of Supervisors Meeting on our campus on June 18th in tandem with the Infrastructure Drainage Project Groundbreaking that morning. We encourage faculty and staff to attend the groundbreaking on the Quad that morning at 10:00am.
- Working on updating the university organizational chart with Dr. Rowan and Chase. A main area of focus is on the restructuring of departments into Colleges effective July 1.
- The CSO has a new Campus Minister, Amelia Bordelon, who is a graduate of LSUA. We are excited to have her on board and currently working with her to plan an event for the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese to hold a mass in the ballroom during the **Weeks of Welcome** on August 25th at 11 a.m. The Chancellor's Office will be providing lunch on the Quad afterwards and we encourage everyone to come out. We will send a flyer out to campus closer to the event date.
- Liz Jonson has resigned from her position as Assistant Vice Chancellor of Strategic Communications effective at the end of June. A search committee has been appointed to get this position filled. Thanks to Nathan and Chase for offering extra support keeping our strategic communications efforts going during the search process and until a new person is hired.
- We received a two-year extension on probationary accreditation for our radiology program. This extension actually gives us two and a half years from now to address issues with first-time testing and student passage rates. We will be working with Melissa Whitley and Dr. Haywood Joiner to ensure that we are taking definitive actions to help our students achieve a higher passage rate during this extended probationary period. The medical lab science program was

reaccredited as well and we congratulate everyone in Allied Health for this successful re accreditation.

- The new LSU President, Dr. William Tate, will be coming on board during the first week of July. We are preparing an onboarding presentation to introduce him to LSUA and showcase the many great things we do and our plans for the future.
- We will have a Juneteenth celebration on the Quad on June 16th and we have invited campus and the many from the community to join us for. Juneteenth is officially June 19 and celebrates the official end of slavery in the United States. We are looking forward the reception and program with lunch.
- Looking forward to Connie Cooper coming on board at the end of next month to support diversity, equity, and inclusion on our campus.
- The search committee for the open Athletic Director position has been meeting and working on getting qualified applicants. We have about 13-15 applicants as of now with more coming in every day. The position will remain open until we find the right candidate.
- The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 9:00am.

Reports

John Rowan

- Academic Program Updates: Computer Science is on the agenda for the Board of Regents meeting this month. Agricultural Business will be a concentration in Business Administration starting in August. We will be admitting for Sports Management in Kinesiology and we hope to have a faculty member for August. If we do not have a faculty member in August, then we will try for January. We are partnering with England Airpark and Million Air for the aviation program. A press conference announcement will take place on June 14th with Sandra and there will be a recruiting event held at the airpark with Million Air on June 22nd.
- Return week (August 16-20) will be very busy and exciting. Please be on the lookout for an informational email regarding the timeline for the week.
- Some offices moves are taking place on the third floor of Mulder and some in the Science Building. These moves are timed with the new academic structure. Jessica Thacker is leading the way to get good branding for colleges and departments.
- Honors Experience applications cut off on June 30th.
- Mrs. DeEtte Loyd is no longer with UA. The position of Head of Upper School for Alexandria Country Day School has been filled by Dana Lyles who is an LSUA alumni. We want to welcome her to campus and look forward to collaborating.

Deron Thaxton

- In the process of year-end close out for FY21 and will be finalizing through mid-July. All year-end items need to be purchased prior to June 30th. I sent out a campus wide email with all year-end dates and deadlines including LaCarte and travel procedure reminders. I encourage everyone to read and follow the LSU policies included in that email especially those pertaining to spend authorizations prior to travel and expense reports completed within 30 days of travel or purchases.

- FY22, as of now, includes faculty raises and a formula increase of \$370,000-\$380,000. The total increase will be about \$800,000 more than last year's total operating budget which is great considering previous years' cuts in appropriations. House Bill One is out of senate and house and we are expecting it to be approved. We are last in terms of every other school percentage increase for formulas, but we are getting some additional dollars that we have not been getting in the past.
- House Bill Two for the Student Success Center made it through the house and senate intact for \$5 million. The governor has indicated his support. It will likely pass and we hope to be able to start the project in FY22.
- In the process of putting together the student allocation plan for \$3.9 million for round three of Cares Act funds. We have a year from early May to distribute the funds and hope to start in the next few months. Institutional Cares allocation dollars will be finalized over the summer. Touchless paper towel dispensers have been installed on campus and we are currently working on a proposal for touchless faucets, toilets, and urinals so that all campus restrooms are touchless. We are also planning for some technology upgrades to classrooms across campus.
- Womack and Sons are doing preliminary work so that we can address conflicts prior to construction beginning for the Drainage Project. We will have a preconstruction meeting in the next two to three days to get more definitive information regarding phasing. Middleton Drive is where construction will begin in front of Abrams, Oakland and Parking Lot 3. We don't have an exact time frame yet. It is likely that Middleton Drive will be closed on June 18th for the Groundbreaking event and the Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- Kevin and his team are in the process of moving the generator from the Fitness Center to the water field.
- The campus edge market study is nearing conclusion. The company doing the study came to campus last week and met with some administrators and different areas of campus. There is a positive tone coming back and we hope to have a final report by the end of June. We will do RFQ once final report is back.
- The SIS replacement project has been narrowed down to two vendors: Workday and Banner. The decision process and implementation has been delayed as the smaller campuses will be meeting soon to discuss our needs. We will discuss the vendors and software impacts and how/if they meet our needs. Implementation will begin with LSU and we will probably start implementation two to three years later.
- There is a new service that will be available to students prior to fall or spring. LSU partnered with company called GradGuard and students will be able to purchase tuition and fee insurance for medical emergencies and issues, death in the family, etc. We are exploring opportunities for our students since the LSU contract includes us.
- Chad is doing ORM training right now. We currently have 36 open insurance claims that he is working on.

Eamon Halpin

- Aviation Program Update: I am continuing to meet with Raja and Shari Druip to prepare for the Spring 2022 launch. We have a meeting tomorrow with Chris Baraco from the National

Guard. I met him at the job fair on campus last week and he mentioned that members of the National Guard could receive full funding for the program and we are hoping to get more information. We are continuing to hear from students and parents who are interested in the program. So far, two potential students have committed to enrollment for fall before the launch of the program.

- SPERO Update: I attended a webinar yesterday with Blue Cross Blue Shield about some logistics regarding the grant and compliance. Dr. Coreil signed and submitted a contract and we should be getting payment in the next few weeks. Last night, the committee met to flesh out the curriculum for students to follow. We want everything to be in place by the end of year so that coordinator (when hired) has a strong starting point. We are also working on two additional grant opportunities.
- Jerri Weston, Andrew Hirschak and I are going through Curriculog training. We will provide staff training once we complete the training.
- The kinesiology faculty invited a candidate to come to campus on Monday, June 7th regarding the sports administration faculty position.
- Working on program assessment with Department Chairs and Deans.
- Making catalog updates and hope to publish the update version in the next few weeks.

Abbey Bain

- The Health Center is open this summer. We are currently working on a cost-benefit analysis and are expecting the cost for faculty and staff to increase for visits. We are looking to make the appointment process more effective for faculty, staff and students. We are currently onboarding a computer system this month that will help with Telemed and payments. More information will be sent out to campus when we have an update.
- Overall, enrollment numbers are up around 10% for fall. Most of that growth is in online programs and steady with on campus enrollment. Fall first time freshman numbers are even compared to last year. Retention of fall 2020-2021 freshmen is up 2%. We are continuing to work on retention and enrollment efforts.
- We are planning for WOW and Move-in week for the fall. We hope to have an impactful and fun event. Thanks Haylee and everyone involved. We hope to host Tank-Fest in September and invite the community, faculty, staff, and students for live music, food trucks and some fun stations.
- We look forward to partnering with Connie Cooper on identifying more programming for minority students to make sure they feel seen and supported at LSUA.
- Excited for training our enrolment management staff this summer and hitting enrollment full-throttle in the fall. We look forward to being back in the schools for recruiting.
- The Registrar's Office sent out academic action notices and we are working with a lot of students that got notices for suspension and probation notices to them moving in the right direction.
- Orientation in August will be in person. There are some possible schedule changes that we may make in order to be as supportive as possible.
- We are working on expanding our peer mentor approach. Currently, LSUA 1001 classes offer peer mentor support, but not all students choose to enroll in the course. We want to make sure

that all freshmen have the opportunity for an upper level classman to offer them support in efforts to enhance the student experience and increase retention.

Nathaniel Parish

- Keeping in touch with Dr. Coreil and administration regarding initiatives and campus marketing and communication needs.
- Working on print and social media initiatives including video ads to get publicity for several projects.

Melinda Anderson

- Working closely with GAA on fundraising initiatives and we hope to have a big event in September. The GAA board met last week and it was a very productive and informative meeting. We appreciate the coaches who were in attendance and we are looking forward to next one on June 24th.
- Working with Chancey and the team on the Drainage Project Groundbreaking happening on the 18th. Over 200 invites for the groundbreaking were mailed out yesterday.
- Shout out to Nathan for the wonderful video and pictures of our first Mulder Scholarship graduate, Gonzalo Rodriguez on Friday. It was a great part of our history and want to share it as much as possible.

Shelly Gill

- The current application report is trending steadily upward. We expect to see a jump shortly from students who apply at the last minute. The summer application is not available online, but we are accepting paper applications through the start of second session.
- Expanding dual enrollment in new schools and districts which is very exciting, but a lot of work for our office.
- LACRAO met last week for the annual meeting. I am happy to report that we will be doing traditional recruiting next year back in the schools. We are working on finalizing our calendar by July 1. We will be hosting a couple of big events this year including one for counselors for on August 27th and the RPSB College Fair on September 30 and October 1.
- We have a lot of things happening this summer including some large campus group tours. COPE will be here next week. We are also hosting Trio Day during the week of June 16-18 (still working on date). A group from Natchitoches will be coming to campus and will connect with the COPE group.
- We have many staff retreats coming up and will be asking several members of campus to participate.
- Excited to announce that we hired Caleb Funderburk as a recruiter. He has previous experience working with another university in housing and intramurals. We are very excited that he's here and we want to give him a warm welcome.
- Continuing to work on REACH formerly known as ENGAGE.

- The Cabinet had a brief discussion regarding the proposed changes for scholarships that were presented at the last meeting. The Cabinet took a formal vote on proposal for scholarship and it was approved with no oppositions.

Bob Austin

- The tennis team made it to quarter finals in the national tournament and had a good finish for the conclusion of the season.
- We have some upcoming trainings for Workday for athletic staff.
- The GAA meeting last week was great! We look forward to developing a good partnership between the members and coaches. Coaches plan on being at all meetings moving forward to have open dialogue and collaboration with planning and support. The upcoming September event will be really neat and a lot of fun.
- We have had a lot of recruits coming on campus in the last couple weeks as we prepare for the fall semester. We are looking forward to getting the school year started in August.

Melissa LaBorde

- Keeping up with the LSU Faculty Senate resolution asking for mandatory vaccination for the fall semester. The Attorney General's letter to President Galligan indicates mandating COVID-19 vaccines is illegal since they fall under emergency limited-use status. I haven't heard any recent updates, but will continue to monitor.
- Faculty Senate is working on approving some final minutes from C&C and will have those done soon.

Chancey Slider

- Presented PS 277 regarding Return to Work for Employees on Workers' Compensation. The Cabinet approved the policy for publishing.
- Continuing to work on policy statement updates.
- We will be hosting a Chancellor's Award Luncheon on Monday, June 7th for the Spring 2021 recipients.
- Working on plans for the Drainage Project Groundbreaking and the Board of Supervisors meeting taking place on campus on June 18th.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 16th.
