



MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

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

In Attendance

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

Guests: Chief Donald Collins, Melissa LaBorde, Daniel Manuel, Kevin Vercher, Jerri Weston

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Chancellor's Updates:

- Thank you to everyone present for being on this call today. Many are dealing with personal challenges due to the storm, but we feel very fortunate that everyone is safe.
- Facility Services has done fantastic job and campus is looking so much better. We got campus power back a couple of days ago and facilities is working on picking up trees and limbs that fell during the storm and mowing the grounds. There is still a lot of work to be done including repairing the roof on Mulder Hall. Deron is working with IET to salvage computers that were housed in Mulder. The restoration of campus has been a team effort and we are thankful for everyone's help, leadership and hard work, especially Deron, Kevin, and Chief Collins.
- The campus masks came in and they are very nice. We look forward to distributing them across campus.
- Resident students can report back to The Oaks and our students who were transported to the LSU campus in Baton Rouge are back. Power, water and internet services are back on.
- Stay tuned regarding possible future COVID-19 testing sites on campus.
- Please let us know if any faculty or staff need any assistance due to structural damage to their homes.

Reverend Jamey Gilliland from the BCM is working to get volunteer groups together to help with cleanup around LSUA student and employee homes. They are also willing to help anyone needing help in the larger Central Louisiana community.

- Thanks to Sarah Corley for helping to get the Childcare Center reopened quickly for employees needing childcare.
- CLECO went above and beyond to get power to our campus and we thank them so much for their hard work and dedication to LSUA.
- Thanks to chief and our officers for their dedication to our campus safety during this very dangerous hurricane. The officers were on campus when the storm hit and made sure students in The Oaks were safe and had needed assistance.
- We will plan to have a post-hurricane response and recovery discussion on what we have learned and how we can use this knowledge in the future regarding emergency preparedness and response. LSUA has not closed throughout the duration of this week's challenges. Classes

have been cancelled, but we are staffing essential services and offices, and administration and police on campus.

- The Rapides Parish Police Jury has reached out and wants LSUA to be more involved with emergency preparedness and recovery. I am attending a meeting today at noon and glad that we are being included in this important process. Rapides Parish has been added to the parishes designated as a Major Disaster Declaration by the President which allows for individual assistance to impacted families and homeowners.
- The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th.

Reports

John Rowan

- We have made some change to the academic calendar since we have had to take some time off this week due to Hurricane Laura. Thanks to Jerri for putting the changes together. All fall classes will end a week later than planned and Fall 2 will start a week later. There are also some changes to the advising and registration periods Registration for spring begins on November 2nd.
Reminder: students will not return after Thanksgiving which means that the final two weeks of classes and finals week will be remote only.
- Thank you to Jamie Gilliland at the BCM for volunteering his space for any faculty members whose offices have been displaced.
- Got a donation from Sally Cowan of 1000 cloth masks that we will distribute on as as-needed basis.
- We are ready for the return to classes on Tuesday. Our faculty are ready to come back even though some don't have power or internet. They have been very flexible with our students and responding timely to their needs.

Eamon Halpin

- Requested an extension for our submission of the interim SACSCOC report due to power and internet outages from the storm. It was originally due on September 15th, but we have been granted an extension for submission by October 8th.
- Working on another application for funding for the SPERO program and following up on a previously submitted funding application.

Jerri Weston

- Students are making contact about withdrawing. We are answering their questions and supporting them as best we can.
- Jeanie and Beverly are working on transcript requests.
- Sheila, Haley and I are working 10am-2pm this week in office.
- Fall 1 and the first session deadline fell on August 26th, but we are continuing to allow students to drop without a W up until September 8th past the deadline.

Deron Thaxton

- Update on campus damages from Hurricane Laura: The Largest area damaged is the roof on Mulder Hall. We are working to replace sheetrock, ceiling tiles, and shingles. Many books and materials were damaged, but the carpets were salvageable. IET and ServePro are working to

restore technology. Many computers were able to be salvaged and didn't lose data, but some will be replaced due to water damage. We plan to ask faculty to come in next week and hope to have a crew available to help get furniture moved back into place and get offices back in order. Kevin and his crew have been working hard and the grounds are almost back to normal. Shout out to facilities for their hard work. Two windows at The Oaks were blown in, but no one was hurt and we are working to repair them. There was also some shingle damage at The Oaks. Pieces of the UA carport was wrapped around a power pole near the Childcare Center, but it has been picked up. Some signage at our ballpark was destroyed. The ceiling at the top of the Student Services building had a leak. The Foundation House's east siding was pulled off. Some shingles on the Childcare Center were damaged and the air intake at the Fitness Center was blown off. Kevin had some minor leaks looked at by roofers in the Student Center and in Coughlin Auditorium.

- Campus will be ready for next week. We have limited staffing available this week and we are being flexible with staff who are still recovering from storm. We appreciate the staff willing to come back in and work through these tough times.
- The mail room is not open to campus, but it is receiving mail.

Abbey Bain

- Working to address student needs and making sure everyone is as safe as possible. We have about 75 residents back at The Oaks. Some spent two nights in Baton Rouge on the LSU campus. We now have power and Wi-Fi at The Oaks and our residents are in good shape. Haylee has been working very hard to come up with programs and events for our residents such as group bowling and escape room trips. We hosted a movie night last night and Adam is cooking for them this evening. We are working on connecting with students who are still here as well as those that evacuated.
- Next week is our 60th birthday celebration. Some events may be modified. We plan to do a Zoom session with the planning committee to regroup and see what is possible to plan and execute from our original plans. We want to make sure that it is a very special week.
- The EVAC Center is activated. We have some extra staff working across campus. Chief and campus police are doing a great job of blocking off areas of campus.
- Counseling and Advising is open 10am-2pm this week. We have personally reached out to about 158 students from surrounding parishes that were impacted by the storm. We have gotten a lot of thanks and good feedback.
- Got with Ethan to make arrangements for all of our 1001 instructors who are reaching out to their students to let them know we are here and have support available.

Shelly Gill

- Most of our staff is back this week and in office from 10am-2pm. We are processing applications and will continue to accept applications through next Wednesday. We may be getting some local traffic from McNeese considering their campus damages. We are working with any students who want to apply for fall.
- We hope to have the online application for Fall 2021 going live this week. Working with Jerri and Deron on this.
- I will be out on vacation next week and Kaitlyn or Abbey will serve in my place.
- Concerned about dual enrollment students who may not have electricity for a long time and how they will manage online courses.

Melissa LaBorde

- Faculty are picking up at their homes. Department Chairs have been checking in. Many have emailed students and put up discussion forums to check in.
- Anticipating that we may have some questions about reporting graduate grades since the semester end has changed. Dr. Rowan and Jerri will work it out and get information out soon.

Elizabeth Jonson

- Thanks to the Children's Center for providing service this week. Sarah is doing a great job and I am really looking forward to working with her.
- Great job to Kevin and his crew for getting campus looking wonderful again so quickly.
- Got a message on Facebook yesterday from a parent who was very appreciative of our volunteers helping downtown and the commented on how great our organization is in all that we do for our community.
- Admissions brochures will be delivered this week.
- Got in touch with KALB yesterday regarding a story on the students who went to the LSU dorms. They told us that they have been told to only focus on their parishes assigned which means it may be a little while before this story is out.
- Talked with Nathan yesterday about pursuing the creation of a 60th anniversary commemorative photo book about 60th. We are doing research and brainstorming for ideas. The Cabinet liked the idea.

Melinda Anderson

- Continuing communications with the Foundation Board.
- Shere' is working on putting together an emergency relief committee to go through applications for students applying for emergency relief funds.
- Had a student graduating in December call and they are worried about graduation being delayed. I assured them that we are working and planning so that everyone will graduate on time.

Adam Jonson

- Athletic activities are suspended until we are back next week. Coaches and teams have been helping with clean up and serving the campus and community. They will be working at the Childcare Center today to clean up and make repairs to the playground. Athletics will be giving away free ice at the Fitness Center from 12pm-1pm tomorrow. I am working with chief on traffic flow.
- Working with Kevin on getting student athletes over to Mulder to help with clean up.
- Working with Deborah Randolph and hope to get some volunteers to help with the Proctor and Gamble free laundry mats.
- Got a call about a potential opportunity for our athletes to serve free meals in Deville... not sure yet if we can pull this together, but trying to help.
- Want to help anyone that we can in our community and surrounding communities. Our students are very eager and happy to help those in need.
- We will utilize a Google Form that we developed to collect information from student-athletes to get the information required by the NAIA that we are not able to collect with the Qualtrics survey.

- In the process of revamping RRAC schedules and hope to have a modified basketball schedule by next week. We have an athletics directors conference call on September 8th for updates and discussions.

Daniel Manual

- Pushing out a reminder for the daily symptom checker on Tuesday.
- Compiling claims for hurricane damage. Please send any reports over to me as soon as possible.

Chancey Slider

- Working on plans for the 60th birthday party next week.

Donald Collins

- Had a rough time Thursday morning after the hurricane, but we are well. We have great officers who have damages at their homes, but continue to come to work to meet the needs of our campus.
- As of today the EVAC Center is moving evacuees to New Orleans and asking those who came in cars to return to their homes. They are not accepting evacuees to stay, but restrooms will remain open.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9th.
