



MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

9/9/2020 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, Dr. Haywood Joiner, 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:

- Celebrating our 60th anniversary this week. We appreciate everyone living and dead who helped LSUA become a reality back in 1960. Many community and educational leaders made LSUA the valuable LSU System regional campus it is, serving the educational needs of CENLA students. In 2021 we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of our 4-year degree granting status and we hope to celebrate this achievement next year.
- Very excited to welcome Mr. Marty Motes to campus as our LaVetCorps Navigator. He served in the military and is very experienced and passionate about helping other veterans. We are fortunate to have him on campus and look forward to working with him. Please go by his office in the library and give him a warm welcome.
- Thanks to Kevin for getting a contractor in place to re-roof Mulder beginning immediately. The Live Oaks Conference Room is not available for use at this time due to some water damage, but we are working to get it repaired.
- We plan to have a testing center come to campus for two days sometime in the month of September to offer COVID-19 tests. The tests will be covered by most insurances and testing will be offered free of charge for individuals who do not have health insurance.
- Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, the Commissioner of Higher Education, is coming to LSUA this Thursday to visit our campus since we were heavily impacted by the hurricane. I will be at the Board of Supervisors meeting in Baton Rouge while she is visiting, but administration will have a delegation that plans to meet with her, present slides of the damage to campus, and take her on a tour of water damage on the third floor of Mulder Hall. We also plan to mention the Drainage Project funds needed to begin repairing/enhancing our drainage system. Everything for the Drainage Project has been finalized and we are hoping to receive the needed federal funding soon. We look forward to her visit and appreciate having such a caring and passionate Commissioner.
- Dr. Rowan and Rusty Gaspard are working on community hotspots and we have a list of places offering free Wi-Fi to get out to students. We also have free Wi-Fi on campus and encourage students to use it as well as our computer labs.

- We have had some online students ask about receiving a free LSUA mask, but the funding that we received to purchase the masks must be spent on on-campus students, faculty, and staff only so we are not able to provide them to any member of campus who is strictly online. We are looking at possibly making them available for purchase in the bookstore.
- The Board of Supervisors will meet on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. They are interested in learning more about our hurricane recovery and I plan to have a report ready for them.
- All of our annual performance evaluations must be completed in by September 14th. Thanks to Lynette Burlaw for getting an extension for us due to the hurricane closure.
- Thanks to Jamey Gilliland, the BCM, CSO, and SGA for joining together in efforts to help campus and the community with needs after the hurricane. Jamey has also received approval for access and use of the Rotary Emergency Response Trailer through Zeb Winstead who is in charge of the trailer for the Rotary Club. The trailer has power tools and supplies that will be used to help those with cleanup and hurricane recovery needs.
- The Childcare Center is open and Sarah Corley is welcoming students and parents who need childcare assistance.
- We need to be patient, understanding, and compassionate in light of continued issues with COVID-19 and Hurricane Laura impacts on our students, faculty and staff. We need to work together as a team and understand that this is a very tough time for a lot of people in our local and surrounding communities. I would like to compliment everyone on this campus for being flexible and working as a team to help one another.

Reports

John Rowan

- I am very impressed with our faculty and how they have responded to the first week of classes being interrupted due to the hurricane and their willingness to assist students and be flexible while working through many obstacles. I also want to send special thanks to the Registrar's Office for assisting students throughout the start of the semester. It is important that we remain flexible while students are recovering from the hurricane. Many are still without electricity or internet.
- SACS COC has granted us an extension to turn in our interim report during the first week of October that was originally due on September 15th. We plan to have the report finished by the end of September. If anyone is asked to provide information or data for the report, please do so as soon as possible since this is such a time sensitive matter and top priority.
- Starting the semester with COVID-19 and Hurricane Laura has been a challenge for many across campus. However, we want to remain focused on the long term for the next few years. Starting next week, we will continue having conversations about strategic planning and other initiatives.

Eamon Halpin

- In the final stretches of the SACSCOC interim report and we are on target to finishing by the first week of October.
- Several of us, including Dr. Coreil, Dr. Rowan, Jerri Weston, and Jeff Massey, met last week about continuing work on the proposed aviation management program. It was a very

constructive meeting and since then, I have been working with Acadian Aviation to set up a meeting for early October.

- Thanks to Daniel Manuel for the hand sanitizer around campus.

Jerri Weston

- Working with students who are requesting university withdrawals due to the hurricane and expect to continue getting these requests to continue coming in. Working with Abbey and Deron's office to make sure that these students are supported in any way needed. We would like to provide hotspots to these students as an option to keep them from withdrawing if there are any available.
- Wrapping up the summer semester and working to get diplomas ordered for our summer graduates.
- Sent the spring class schedule out to all of the faculty and department chairs recently so that they can begin working on their spring class schedules.
- Everything is moving along well in our office and I appreciate the hard working and dedicated staff in my office.

Deron Thaxton

- The second round of student Cares dollars were processed for 231 students. I appreciate Raymond Anderson working so hard to be sure that funds are distributed quickly. Almost all of the federal Cares dollars that we received have been distributed other than a small amount that we have until September, 2021 to use.
- Kevin and the facilities crew have been working diligently to clean up campus and make repairs since the hurricane. They are doing an outstanding job and we sincerely appreciate their hard work. ServePro is continuing to work on drying carpets in Mulder Hall. Adam and Dr. Joiner have been coordinating plans to have some athletes help move office furniture back into place. Missy asked that faculty be made aware so that they can be present to assist with furniture placement and also made Deron aware that some carpets are not dried yet and some outlets are not working. Kevin is aware and has staff working on it.
- The LSUA branded masks are in and we plan to have them available in the quad at events this week to distribute to students, faculty, and staff. Departments have been contacted to pick them up in Academic Affairs or their appropriate areas of campus. We ordered enough so that all students, faculty, and staff should be able to receive one mask per person.
- LSU is fogging every classroom at night with disinfectant and we are researching doing this as well. The downtown campus will be included if we move forward with this plan.
- We are being flexible in regards to scheduled dates for non-payment and non-attendance due to the campus hurricane closure and we are working with students on an individual basis to meet their needs.

Abbey Bain

- Happy 60th to LSUA and 65th to our chancellor. We are excited about celebrating this week. We will have activities Monday-Thursday from 11-1. We plan to have food trucks, booths, giveaways, and LSUA masks to hand out. We will have free cupcakes for the birthday party on

Wednesday, as well as free hot dogs on Thursday. Encouraging everyone to please come out and celebrate.

- Working closely with Jerri and Deron's office to support students of concern who need extra support right now.
- Proud of the flexibility and compassion of our faculty and staff.
- Trying to meet all student needs and working on programming for the rest of the semester.
- We want to give a special welcome to Mr. Marty Motes who joined our team this week as our LA VetCorps Navigator. His office is in the Library and we look forward to working with him to help our veteran students.
- Enrollment is down by about 35 freshmen students, but that is about the same number as before the hurricane so there were no significant changes there. Before the hurricane, we were up about 3% retention compared to our freshman cohort from last year and I am hoping that retention is still looking good, but I will let Deron give an update on that.
- The online application for next fall was a little delayed being posted due to the hurricane, but the application is now available and we are already recruiting for fall 2021. We are working closely with Strategic Communications to continue planning for recruiting.

Shelly Gill

- We still have a lot of applications coming in and we are very busy processing them. We are also touring a lot of students since they were not able to take tours during the virtual orientations.
- Last week we had a dual enrollment Zoom session that went well. We had great participation and gave out critical information to all of the participants.
- Putting together a dual enrollment taskforce to brand and expand our program. Please let me know if anyone interested in participating.
- Articulation workshops through LACRAO for high school counselors start soon. We have uploaded print pieces for Google Drive access and slides showing off some LSUA highlights. We will be hearing updates from the ACT and the Board of Regents, as well as many other important organizations. We will be participating and we look forward to getting more information and updates.
- Great job to Liz for working to get print pieces that we hope to have in the next 7-10 days. We will be dropping them off to high school counselors with LSUA gear to be given to students and mailing posters to out of the area schools.
- We hope to have a virtual Spend the Day at A. We are currently working on planning. We hope that it will be similar to the virtual Scholar Day and we hope to host one in October and two in November.
- Want to develop virtual high school counselor meetings soon to talk about their experiences with new counselors regarding dual enrollment. We are hearing great things and want our current counselor to help us spread the word to new counselors.
- Asked which offices will be open this Saturday during Move-In day. Abbey said that Financial Aid, Admissions, the Registrar's Office, Accounting, and Auxiliary Services.
- Asked who is going to follow up with LAVetCorps who recently reached out and the Cabinet agreed for administration to have discussions to make a decision soon.

Melissa LaBorde

- Faculty are being incredibly flexible with students as we work on campus clean up and repairs from hurricane damage.
- The planned Faculty Senate meeting was cancelled and has been rescheduled for the 15th. We hope to get that invitation out soon.
- Planning on having the birthday celebration scavenger hunt on the quad tomorrow.

Haywood Joiner

- As previously reported, the front door of the Allied Health Education Building was blown out of its frame during hurricane Laura. The door was found in the parking lot in front of the building. Dr. Joiner placed the door back inside the building and secured the front entrance. The Department of Engineering at Rapides Regional Medical Center was notified, and on the Friday morning following the hurricane, boarded up the entrance. Rapides had the glass in the door replaced and the door securely placed back in its frame. No other damage to the building was noted.

Elizabeth Jonson

- Shared a document with the Cabinet displaying information regarding the recent enrollment campaign push. Facebook and Instagram ads are getting a lot of good traction. I am very pleased with the exposure that we got on this campaign.
- The 60th tumblers are going out as special awards for different 60th celebration activities. Each tumbler has a commemorative card inside displaying which number of the 60 tumblers it each cup represents.
- Wrapping up admissions brochures.
- Working on the secondary logo and hoping to have it ready for the spring.
- Nathan and I have been brainstorming ideas for the start of next year. We are excited about the path we plan to take. We would like to have a launch for January 2021 as a new year and to play on the number "1". We plan to get faculty, staff, and students as involved as possible.

Melinda Anderson

- We are looking forward to celebrating our 60th birthday this week. We have koozies, T-shirts, and cupcakes all set up and ready to give out.
- Working with the Childcare Center for their upcoming open house and exploring some fundraising opportunities to fund some improvements.
- Shout out to Shere' Thaxton and the committee working on emergency relief funds. Seven students have been approved. They will be receiving their awards very soon.
- Working on the Martin Foundation Grant.
- Liz is working with some donors in town on the Giving Day Video and we are looking forward to a really fun and energetic video.
- Looking forward to the GAA Golf Tournament this Friday.

- Recently had a call with Connie Cooper regarding the Association of Student Government meeting on the 19th and we plan to revisit after this meeting. We hope that she will be available to be a speaker at the meeting.

Adam Jonson

- The GAA Golf Tournament is scheduled for this Friday and we have 22 teams registered as of now. We are projecting to raise at least \$9000 just on registration and hole sponsors alone and we expect to exceed that when taking into account extra spending that will take place at the tournament. Thanks to everyone who has been working to grow and support this event.
- I was on an Athletic Directors call for our conference yesterday. Some big points of discussion included membership and fall schedules. We are still projecting to play some soccer matches in late October and early November. We are also in the process of revamping the basketball schedule to account for the fact that we will not have any conference games in December. Yesterday on the call, they presented an updated basketball schedule for the spring and we hope for it to be finalized by the end of this week. We may be moving the basketball tournament held at the coliseum from February 25th-27th to February 28-March 2nd in order to accommodate our regular season games.

Daniel Manuel

- Asking all supervisors to push the Tank Check within all departments. All students and employees should be participating daily.

Chancey Slider

- Looking forward to assisting with the 60th birthday events this week. Please encourage faculty, staff, and students to come out and celebrate with us.
- Wow That Cow was a great success and we served about 500 burgers, chips, and drinks. Thanks to the Louisiana Beef Industry Council and the LA Cattlemen's Association for all of their support. Also, special thanks to Haylee Malone and all of the volunteers who came out to help us serve.

Kevin Vercher

- Waiting for hand pumps to come in for the hand sanitizer bottles around campus.
- There is a temporary roof on Mulder as of now and we are working to have the building reroofed as soon as possible. We hope that the process will begin this week.
- We hope to have the Live Oaks Conference Room repaired in the near future, but will know more in the next few days.
- Working diligently on the grounds and buildings to repair and clean up everything from the aftermath of Hurricane Laura. Mr. James Mitchell, our Grounds Supervisor, has been out for several weeks and we send our thoughts out to him and hope to have him back here with us soon.
- Please send any questions or requests over to me so that we can support campus at our best capacity.

Donald Collins

- Lot 3 is still being used as a vehicle staging area for the Evacuation Center and is closed to the public. LSUA and UA students have been asked to park in Lot 5. We also worked out a new area for UA student drop off and pick up. There is construction equipment on Lot 9.
- There are still roughly about 100 evacuees that staff at the Evacuation Center are working on finding housing accommodations for.
- So far, things are going very well regarding campus safety.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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