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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

1/18/2022 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, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Julie Gill, Beth Whittington, Dr. Bernard Gallagher, Olivia Chatman

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Considering that our mascot is Tank and we are the Generals, I am currently working to get a retired Army tank on campus. I have spoken with the National Guard and they are getting in touch with the military procurement center in Georgia that has many of these retired tanks. As I find out more information, I will keep you all updated.
- Kelly Pepper is getting ready to submit the Alexandria Business Foundation (ABF) Board of Regents match request. We are hoping we can get a \$400K match to add to the \$600K ABF has donated to create a \$1 million LSUA College of Business Endowed Chair in Accounting.
- A proposal has been sent to some of you from Kimberly Lewis that discusses the possibility of an increase in dual enrollment tuition. I have heard that many others in the state are in support of this change. Kimberly wants our feedback, so if you have any concerns or comments, please send to me.
- April 21 – Groundbreaking for *Martin Family Student Success Center* is at 9:00 a.m. and the Board of Supervisors meeting will take place immediately after in the Ballroom.
- We are proposing to LSU Online a tuition increase for our online programs. Even with this increase, LSUA online programs would still be one of the most affordable among our peers. This is still up for debate, but there is a strong possibility that it could happen. This increase in revenue could help LSUA in many areas, especially salary increases, new positions and critically needed capital projects.
- The next meeting will be on January 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. John Rowan

- Thanks to those of you who have visited with our deans at our regular weekly meetings. If you want to meet with us, let me know and we will make sure to get you on the agenda.
- We will be continuing with open forums for faculty in the next couple of weeks. Topics will include the promotion/tenure process and the endowed professorship process.
- Schedules are being completed for the summer & fall semesters with the first round coming in tomorrow. We are in need of adjuncts for the fall semester. Spread the word if you know people (especially local) that might be interested in teaching a course within their specialty and let me know.
- Yesterday, LSU Online visited campus and we had some good discussions about new upcoming opportunities and identified some areas that we need to step it up.
- Please do not forget to mention the Honors Experience program that we have on campus to prospective students when recruiting.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Meauxmentum Summit is Feb. 1 & 2. This is to create a design strategy to help with the Board of Regents initiative for 60% of adults to have some sort of credential by 2030. LSUA participants (as BoR requested) are: Chancellor, Provost, CFO, Chief Student Affairs Officer, IR rep, faculty rep, and student rep.
- Important dates: drop for non-payment is Jan. 24, drop for non-attendance is Jan. 23, census is Jan. 27
- Deans and advisors are identifying the best date to hand-off advisees from advising center to academic college around census date. This might be different per college based on Dean request.
- Decision Week for students who are undecided in their major will begin March 6
- Homecoming Week is coming up Feb. 14
- Enrollment is almost at 4000 right now, but there are still many students on the list for non-payment. We should still be up around 10% from last year spring enrollment. We are continuing to push enrollment for 2nd session before census to count. The current projection will be slightly below 4000 for spring.
- We are expanding leadership development this semester with a few lunch-n-learns and the first will be a Ladies in Leadership in Feb.
- We are expanding the tutoring services available on campus throughout the semester to The Oaks a few evenings to help bring resources to those students. We hope this will get them more familiar with services available and ease their anxiety about going to those services when needed in the future.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- SPERO – I recently submitted two applications related to the SPERO program.

- One was an application to the US Department of Education requesting that SPERO be approved as a Comprehensive Transition Program. If approval is granted by USDOE, students enrolled in the program will be eligible for federal funding (Pell, grant, student loans, etc.). Currently, students in the program pay a \$3900 per semester fee out of pocket.
- The second application was a request for state funding for SPERO. The application was submitted to the Louisiana Board of Regents, the body that oversees the dispersal of the funds (one million dollars in total) that were approved last year by the Louisiana Legislature for college programs that address the needs of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Melinda Anderson

- On Jan 12th the Foundation hosted the Purple and Gold party at the home of Aloysia and Robert Ducote. This gathering was an Alumni and Friends to thank Avoyelles Parish for their support of LSUA and to continue building relationships in the area. Really great event!
- Working with the City of Alexandria on our Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding AMoA, Sports, and partnerships with LSUA. Great new administration and enthusiasm for LSUA.
- March 23 – Dr. Dupont will be guest speaker at NRBIA
- March 28 – Employee Recognition Dinner
- March 31 – Manna House service opportunity
- Working on the following events: April will be a very busy month –
 - April 18 – CENLA Day at the Capitol
 - April 19 - LSU Day at the Capitol
 - April 20 – Board of Supervisors arrive in Alexandria
 - April 21 – Groundbreaking for Martin Family Student Success Center followed by the Board of Supervisors board meeting

Adam Lord

- Chancellor's Q4 Report is out, copies are available in the Chancellor's office.
- The Annual report/magazine is ALMOST ready for print. Chase has been working tirelessly on formatting.
- Light pole banners are in production - 50 banners with pictures on them.
- Abbey and I are getting ready to bring on a new group of Brand Ambassadors.

Tyler Unsicker

- Creation of a policy for international students about arriving prior to the first day of class and not scheduling flights home until after the last day of classes. Worked with the Admissions and International student departments to put this together.
- Creation of a Title IX Athletics Committee. Working with Daniel Manuel to get set up.
- Thanks to everyone that came to the LSUA vs. LCU basketball games on Jan 17th.

Don Collins

- The campus and surrounding community have been calm for the most part, which is nice.
- Chad and I did attend a Board of Regents sponsored seminar on campus threat assessments at LSU. I was able to speak with Chief of Police at LSU, Bart Thompson and the NCBR. In speaking with both, they committed to doing a 3-day active shooter training on the LSUA campus. The criminal justice department as well as their students are going to be included in this training. As of now, no official date has been set, but they are looking at May-June.

Shelly Gill

- Upcoming events:
 - January 27 – HS Counselor Brunch
 - February 18 – Spend the Day at A
 - March 11 – Mulder Scholarship Day
 - March 31 – Admitted Student Day
- Still admitting Spring – Elearn 2 and 2nd session students
- Please remember that any registered students by Jan 27 – will count in census day numbers.
- We were able to save all provisional admits – did not drop any yesterday.
- Working towards DE offerings for next year. Appreciate all Deans and Department Chairs for recognizing the importance of DE and working with us to increase offerings to keep LSUA competitive.
- Meeting with a new HS in St. Landry today and the Allen Parish School Board tomorrow.
- Our office is continuing to monitor and learn about Board of Regents changes to Admission Requirements, placement into gateway courses, and Dual Enrollment requirements.
- We are continuing to have very productive meetings with our sub-committees from the Enrollment Retreat.
- Application Report: Summer +44.8%; Fall +19.6% - data compared to January 31, 2022.
- Please help Spread the word of Mulder Scholarship for current students – 3.5 GPA and write essay.

Chad Gauthier

- COVID – 25 parishes including Rapides and Avoyelles are now considered high community levels. We had 8 reported cases last week and 4 so far this week.
- WEATHER – Small threat of severe thunderstorms this evening that we are keeping an eye on, but should be mostly north of central LA.
- Facility Services - We are wrapping up repairs to Coughlin Hall where we experienced the pipe burst from the freeze. Among numerous other in-house projects, we will be starting on a lab renovation in the Science Building soon.
- Safety & Risk Management – Myself and Chief Collins attended a Board of Regents sponsored seminar on campus threat assessments. It was attended by representative from LSU, UL Lafayette, McNeese, LSP, and other stakeholders. Our goal is to expand on our threat assessment team here on campus to evaluate any issues that may come up with individuals.

Connie Cooper

- Please be reminded about the 29th Annual Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, February 2nd (11:30AM-1:00PM) in the ballroom.
- Developing diversity training schedule for 2023 and will release the same soon.
- Assessing the need for cross cultural communication and ways to assist students with developing communication skills and how to navigate white spaces at a PWI.
- Owing to Covid, the CDO couldn't execute MLK commemoration week as planned. Those events will shift to Black History Month in February.
- Still on target to provide diversity training for SHRM and Walker Automotive.

Kelly Pepper

- We had an excellent turnout for our Alumni and Friends Purple and Gold Party last week. Communication and visits with those donors will take place over the next three months.
- Our next Alumni and Friends event is a Homecoming Tailgate on February 18 from 1 pm to 2 pm in the Live Oaks Conference Room. We hope you all will stop by the event on your way to the games.
- LSUA Giving Day is scheduled for March 29, 2023. This is an online giving campaign across the LSU System. Please add this date to your calendar. The success of This campaign depends on social media, and we hope all Cabinet Members will participate. Social media graphics and tools will be provided soon to all Cabinet Members. Link: <https://geauxgive.lsu.edu/pages/home-2426>

Dr. Julie Gill

- In regards to our international students, we are finding that they are not coming in at the start of the semester and they are leaving prior to the end of finals. It is creating issues and multiple faculty members have mentioned it as well.
- Faculty Senate is working with C&C to have all of the courses approved and moved forward so that paperwork is completed in time for catalog updates.

Beth Whittington

- Only one issue was brought to me, by several of my faculty members. Students had issues getting textbooks, with some being on back order. Teresa Seymour was on top of it and stated that though there were issues, there were significantly less bookstore issues than we have had in the past.

Dr. Bernard Gallagher

- Auditions for *Boeing Boeing* at Richard Gwartney Theater in Mulder Hall:
 - Friday, January 20 at 12:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m.
- Cavanaugh Lecture Dates:
 - Thursday, February 16 on Jim Garrison's Take on the Kennedy Assassination
 - Thursday, March 30 on History of Lynching's in Central LA
 - Friday, April 14 will be a reading at the West Side Library
 - Saturday, April 15 will be a workshop
- Verbatim is going to go up again for national poetry month. This is an online magazine only featuring local poets.

Olivia Chatman

- No update.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman

The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
