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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

1/3/2024 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Susan Bowers, Olivia Soileau

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Dr. Mary Treuting has officially retired as the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Professor of Psychology. I want to thank her for exemplifying true leadership and passion towards her students, our campus and the community. To honor her, she was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus.
- Spring 2024 Convocation is on Monday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided before the meeting in the Ballroom from 12-1.
- The university has officially decided that diversity training will no longer be mandatory. However, it is strongly encouraged that employees participate in taking diversity training to create an inclusive environment on our campus.
- Connie Cooper's title has now changed to the Director of Civil Rights Compliance and Access. This action was taken through the recommendation of and after significant discussion with Ms. Cooper....it was not mandated by administration. I commend Connie for better aligning her title with the priority work she has and continues to perform for LSUA.
- I will be on a conference call with the LSU Vet School today in hopes of developing a student recruitment relationship.
- Received a call from our state representative, Jason DeWitt. He is quite supportive of the Health Education Campus and also mentioned that he is ready to help with our need for additional housing for students.
- I will be speaking at the Alexandria City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 9 in updating them on the LSUA Health Education Campus.
- LSUE was able to hire a Coordinator for the Surgical Technology program for Alexandria. Jeff Langston is excited to start recruiting students for that program.

- STARBASE Grand Opening is on Monday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. at Fort Johnson.
- The next meeting will be January 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Overall enrollment is currently at 4,564, which is up 22% year to date. On campus is up 5% and online is up 44%.
- Retention of freshman is currently at 86%, which is up two percentage points year to date. We expect that to drop slightly by census but is looking really strong and I am so proud of the efforts from Haley Bryant and the entire Advising Team. They've worked hard to work with and support these students.
- Weeks of Welcome will kick off January 11-20. Move in January 12 and Orientation is the 11.
- The Children's Center is getting new floors, carpet, and ventilation to help with air quality and temperature control. It is great to be in a financial position to where we can do these upgrades for the Center. Once again, kudos to Sarah Corely and her team for doing so well.
- We do have a new community coordinator who is living on campus at The Oaks. Her name is Jashira Bolden and we're thrilled to have her in this position to help operations and programming at The Oaks.
- I want to thank different campus partners who helped to provide a meal over at The Oaks over the holidays for residents who stayed and didn't have a meal plan available.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- SACSCOC –
 - Continuing work on the SACS report that is due on Friday, March 1.
 - Our SACS Vice President, Geoffrey Klein, will be on campus Tuesday, January 30. He has requested that I send him 10 completed standards.
- Aviation – Experiencing some ongoing issues with the simulator at England Airpark. Scott Gammel, Shari Drerup and I will have a conference call with the representatives who are based in California to discuss these issues.

Deron Thaxton

- Projects –
 - *Martin Family Student Success Center* – No update. Still expecting to have people on site by the end of January.
 - As of now, it looks like we are in the final stages of the sewer line transfer to the City of Alexandria.
- Lynette Burlew will be retiring at the end of January. If you know anyone who may be interested in that job, please share the application link with them. Link to apply: [Director of Human Resource Management](#)
- Two candidates for the Registrar position are coming to campus next week for interviews.

- The next manager training for the Elevate Series is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 15. More information will go out next week.

Adam Lord

- Chase is working on the Chancellor's Magazine.
- Send web requests to Brianne via the appropriate Web Services button on our website.
- We have an intern from Communication Studies working with StratComms this semester.

Tyler Unsicker

- Basketball on the road for two weeks and will come back on January 16 to play against LCU.
- Saturday, February 24 – Athletics Hall of Fame

Don Collins

- Nothing significant took place over the holiday break.
- The local hospitals were very appreciative of our donation of stuffed animals for the children. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Shelly Gill

- Admissions and Recruiting –
 - ELearn 1 – final admit deadline for those who met the document deadline is Friday.
 - Dr. Beard and I are meeting with Bolton HS on Thursday, Jan 4 to start DE discussions for the new academy next year.
 - St. Landry Parish – interested in expanding its DE offerings with LSUA. They are considering busing students in the Northern part of the parish to LSUA to take courses.
- Registrar's Office –
 - Successfully closed out Fall 2023 prior to the holiday break – great job to the Registrar Staff!
 - Working on finalizing Spring 2024 room assignments by the end of this week.
 - Starting classroom inventory today.
 - Section changes and modifications – since the break, the office is running a bit behind on making these corrections/additions. All should be completed by the end of Wednesday, January 3.

Chad Gauthier

- COVID – Last week and this week there were 0 cases reported.
- Reminder that the Flu is going around; make sure to wash your hands frequently.
- Weather – Nothing significant to report.
- Facility Services –

- Abrams – Burst pipe –got insurance approvals on repairs, working on approvals for furniture replacements.
- Tower Project –ABW
- Library – looking at the next phase for Technovation Center.
- Street Overlay Project – Monceaux design. Moving forward.
- Parking Lot 7 – design phase MML&H – Bidding should take place in February.
- SG LSUA sign – site work began, some changes being made.
- Downtown Campus- No update
- Upstairs Café – About 3 weeks or so away from beginning that work.
- Student Success – MD Descant won bids; all alternates will be included. Contracts should come soon. May start this month.
- Ford Fusion, Ford Expedition and Chrysler 300 should be ready by next week. We will be sending a group of guys next week to pick them up.
- Sewer Line Transfer – moving forward.

Connie Cooper

- Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon Reminder – Thursday, February 1 at 12 p.m. in the Caffey Ballroom. The doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Kelly Pepper

- Black History Month Luncheon is on Thursday, February 1. You must purchase a ticket in advance to attend. The proceeds support the Ebony Scholarship.
Link to purchase: [30th Annual Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon](#)

Dr. Susan Bowers

- Faculty will return on Monday, January 8.
- A reminder email with dates and times for upcoming meetings will be sent to faculty.

Olivia Soileau

- No update.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
