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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

1/30/2023 2:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Julie Gill, Dr. Bernard Gallagher, Olivia Chatman

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

Dr. Paul Coreil

- Daniel Manuel, President of Staff Senate, met with SLT this morning in regards to staff awards presented at the Employee Recognition Dinner. Be on the lookout for a revised awards nomination list.
- We need to please take the submissions of nominations seriously for each of the awards given at the Employee Recognition Dinner. We put a lot of time and effort into the event, the recognition opportunity and well-deserved awards given.
- WASHINGTON, DC TRIP UPDATE:
 - Visited with Congressman Garret Graves about our aviation program. He is the incoming chair of the Subcommittee on Aviation within the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
 - Spoke with Congresswoman Julia Letlow and thanked her for the funding she gave us for the Educators Rising Regional C.A.R.E Initiative that will address the teacher shortage. Also, thanked her for the SPERO funding we received last year as well.
 - Informed Congresswoman Julia Letlow about our Downtown Health Education Campus. Monte Wilson, CEO of Christus St. Francis Cabrini Hospital and others from the Chamber of Commerce were with us in that discussion providing strong support for the plan.
 - Mayor of Alexandria, Jacques Roy, was on the trip as well and we discussed the City Council approving a significant financial support for the Downtown Health Education Campus. I want to thank him for his full support of our efforts to end this statewide healthcare crisis. This will be no easy task, but Mayor Roy has started off strong by stating that he plans to push for \$3 million in support from the city.

- This trip was very productive and was a great opportunity to share with our entire Congressional Delegation the things LSUA is doing for the benefit of the entire region and for the state of Louisiana.
- I want to thank Deron, Kelly, Dr. Rowan and Dr. Dupont for getting the ABF Board of Regions Chair match proposal submitted. We are hopeful that it will be a strong enough proposal for the Board of Regents to provide a \$400K match. This would allow us to have a \$1 million-dollar endowed chair here at LSUA in Accounting within the College of Business.
- I am working with the National Guard to try and get a retired Army tank for us to display on campus. It is fitting due to us being the Generals and our mascot being Tank. Deron is working on the detailed requirements associated with the request we will need to submit to the military. It would be a great addition to the campus and we would surely have a big celebration if we are able to get a retired tank on campus. Being that we are associated with the Alexandria Museum of Art (AMoA), it gives us a better chance at possibly obtaining an Army Tank on campus.
- Rapides Regional Medical Center has agreed to pay for the repairs and upgrades at the Allied Health Building downtown where the dental hygiene program will be located. We thank them for this tremendous support.
- England Airpark hired a new director, Ralph Hennessy. I was able to visit with him on campus last week. He is very supportive of the ACE Initiative and our aviation program.
- The next meeting will be on February 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. John Rowan

- We are accepting nominations for this year's faculty awards through the rest of the week.
- Monday, February 13 – Deadline for submitting applications for this year's endowed professorships.
- Friday, February 24 – Deadline for faculty to submit materials for progress towards promotion or instructor re-appointment work promotion.
- Reminder that Dr. Haywood Joiner is stepping down as the Dean of College of Health and Human Services so that he is able to focus full time on the downtown Health Education Campus, so that application will soon be going out.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Enrollment for the 2023 Spring semester is at another record of 12.8% (3,992 students). Thank you to everyone who is working hard to get our numbers up for online and on-campus students.
- Freshman retention is up 4 percentage points.

- Homecoming week is quickly approaching and the theme is *Howdy Homecoming*. Voting for homecoming court opens tonight at midnight and will close on Thursday, February 2. We have tons of nominees which is exciting to see students get more involved. Please try and come out for all of the events during homecoming week to show your support for the students.
- Student Government is partnering with the Faculty Senate to update PS 207, which is our Student Grievance Procedure Policy.
- A group of us will be going to Baton Rouge this week to attend the Meauxmentum Summit at the LSU campus that will be hosted by the Board of Regents. An update will be provided once we return.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- AVIATION:
 - Gulf Coast Aviation has hired a second full-time flight instructor – their goal is to have 4 flight instructors working for our students.
 - Last year, England Airpark purchased a state-of-the-art flight simulator that the airpark has generously made available to our students free of charge. I have been working with Scott Gamble, Director of England Airpark, to create a simulator manager position. This would be part-time and the person in this position would be responsible for setting the ground rules for use of the simulator, monitoring activity and making sure the rules are being followed. We have already identified the person who will be in this position.
 - On April 27, there is an aviation open house tentatively scheduled at the England Airpark in the Millionaire Building.
- SACS:
 - I am continuing to write up our SACS standards and they are being reviewed by John, Scott and myself. Also, I have been working alongside Alice Blackwell, Chair of the C&C Committee, on processing C&C requests.

Deron Thaxton

- Enrollment is up 12.8% for this Spring 2023 semester, which is the first time since 2000 that our spring enrollment was higher than the fall. Our rate of increase in the fall continued this spring, which gives us a good indication of where we are going from here.
- Last week, we met to finalize our construction drawings for the *Martin Family Student Success Center*. The drawings will be submitted to State Facility Planning and Control by today and the turnaround is usually 2 weeks or more. After that, the project will be ready to bid.
- Processing of student refunds will begin on February 9, which is typically a 2-week turnaround.
- Drop list for this spring semester was one of the lowest for LSUA in recent history – only 17 students dropped for non-payment. We have made a concentrated effort to reach out

early and often to communicate with students and it seems to be paying off. Let's keep up the good work to make sure that list stays at a minimum level.

- Workday Student is still in progress, but the focus is now on LSU and LSUE. We are still involved, but expect that our workload will pick back up this semester.
- Started looking at year end analysis because this is the time of year that we start heavily focusing on the status of revenue and expenditure monthly reports. At this point in the year, we are where we need to be revenue wise.
- Began looking at next year's budget, but we won't have our state numbers until May-June. We are becoming less dependent on the state, meaning we can begin budgeting much earlier and planning several years ahead. Our state support is currently under 20%.
- In regards to Bernard's comment about faculty and 12-month paycheck, as of now, with Workday the functionality is not there. After looking at it, LSU made the decision that it was not worth pursuing due to Workday's inability to meet that need. Instead of receiving a check each of the 12 months, we recommend within the 9 pay periods setting aside a separate savings/checking account – can be done automatically. After setting that up, put the money that you would receive from those 3 months into the account so that you will have that money set aside for those 3 months.

Melinda Anderson

- March 11 – Howard and Eloise Mulder Scholarship Day
- March 28 – Employee Recognition Dinner in the Ballroom
We had our first committee meeting and it was productive.
- April 18 – CENLA Day at the Capitol
- April 19 – LSU Day at the Capitol
- April 20 – Board of Supervisors arrive on campus
- April 21 – Groundbreaking for the Martin Family Student Success Center & Board of Supervisors board meeting to follow

Tyler Unsicker

- BASKETBALL:
 - The Women's team ended up losing this past weekend and the Men's team won.
 - We are hosting the Red River Basketball Conference in 3 weeks, which will have 16 different teams playing. More updates to come as it gets closer.
- BASEBALL:
 - Played the number 11 team in the country with an All-American starting and we ended up beating them 3 times.
 - I want to thank Chad and his team for the new press box building, it was really nice to have for the game. It will be painted soon, which will enhance the look of the complex.
- TENNIS:

- Season started this weekend at Southeastern (Division 1) and we beat them, which is a great start.
- The Indoor National Tournament in Kansas will be this week, so the team will be traveling.
- **SOFTBALL:**
 - Season starts this weekend and they will be playing at a tournament that LCU is hosting at Champion Sportsplex.
 - We are hosting a tournament next weekend at Champion Sportsplex with 10 teams.

Don Collins

- No real update, but we are continuing to protect and serve the campus as well as surrounding communities.

Shelly Gill

- The Application Report was sent out for you all to see.
- High School Counselor Breakfast on Friday was a success. Thank you to everyone who participated.
- Our admissions counselors are making one last push to all of the high schools. They are doing presentations, sitting down with students and helping them apply and giving these students admission letters and scholarships on the spot.
- Friday, February 3 – Educators Rising Regional Conference will be in the Fort and Mulder Hall.
- Saturday, February 18 – Spend the Day at A with 154 students registered as of now.
- Saturday, March 11 – Mulder Scholar Day and the deadline to apply is this Wednesday.
- We are having issues with the payment gateway for the application fee, but we are aware and working on getting it fixed. If you happen to hear from a student, let them know that the applications are moving forward without the payment and we will charge it to their first semester fee bill just until we are able to get this fixed.
- Amanda Bullock has put together a look book for LSUA that we can present to local businesses. I would be happy to send it to you if you want to see it, but we are working on the next steps to get it in the right hands so that LSUA merchandise can be sold.

Chad Gauthier

- **COVID:**
 - Leveling off the past 2 weeks across the state – less cases.
 - Last week on campus, we had 2 reported positive cases.
- **WEATHER:**
 - Nothing severe is happening besides some rain, but we will continue to monitor.
- **FACILITIES:**

- Coughlin Hall damage repairs from the busted pipe are complete and everyone is back in their office.
- Work on Science has begun, which was part of the grant that Dr. Corbat received.
- The benches around campus that were green are being painted black. It is somewhat of a long process, but they will soon all be completed.
- Numerous small ongoing projects around campus are continuing to take place.
- The Director of Facility Services position is still open. We did have 2 applicants on campus last week, but we are meeting with Deron and the search committee chair to discuss our next step.
- SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT:
 - Tyler Unsicker (Athletics), Richard Robinson (IET) and myself are working on a digital signage project across campus. We got 5 new televisions in different buildings on campus to help with our safety communication and advertising.

Connie Cooper

- The 29th Annual Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon is on Thursday, February 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Brumfield Caffey Ballroom. Cast members from Legacy with the Alexandria Senior High School production team will make a special appearance at the event. I want to thank Sheré and Lynne for assisting me with sorting out the tickets for this luncheon.
- Thank you SLT for approving the new Diversity Champion Award, which will be given at the Employee Recognition Dinner to one faculty member as well as one staff member.

Kelly Pepper

- Alexandria Museum of Art (AMoA) monthly board meeting is tonight.
- Generals Athletic Association (GAA) board meeting is tomorrow on campus at 5:00 p.m.
- Foundation Investment Committee is reviewing RMP's for new proposals for managing partners. If any changes are made with our investment partners, I will be sure to update you all.
- LSUA 29th Annual Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon is on Thursday, February 2 at 11:30 a.m. The proceeds made at the event will go to sponsor the Ebony Scholarship.
- Love at the Museum will be on Thursday, February 9 at the AMoA, which is a fundraising event.
- Alumni and Friends Tailgate will be on Wednesday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m. in connection with homecoming. Everyone is invited to attend and it will be in the Live Oaks Conference Room.
- LSUA Giving Day is on Wednesday, March 29. This is an online giving campaign across the LSU System. Link: <https://geauxgive.lsu.edu/pages/home-2426>

Dr. Julie Gill

- We had the opportunity to speak with the administration regarding our concerns with advising. The outcomes from that conversation will be typed up and brought to the Faculty Senate meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Dr. Bernard Gallagher

- The production of Boeing Boeing will no longer be done. Instead, it will be *The Revolutionist*.
- Announcements have been put out for Verbatim, which is an online magazine to celebrate national poetry month by recognizing local poets of CENLA.
- A large number of faculty stated that they would prefer having the option of choosing a 12-month paycheck instead being limited only to a 9-month paycheck. We discussed this in the Budget Review Committee.

Olivia Chatman

- Thursday, February 16 – Cooking with Coreil in the Quad at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 28 – Employee Recognition Dinner in the Ballroom at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
