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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

10/19/2022 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Beth Whittington, Laura Fowler, Olivia Chatman

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Dr. Coreil

- The online commencement celebration and recognition that Teresa Seymour is putting together and promoting is an important priority to help enhance online student engagement. We are looking forward to meeting some of our online students at the reception on Thursday, December 14 and holding the online commencement for those unable to attend graduation.
- Arlene and I are having our Christmas party this year on Sunday, December 18 at Tunk's Cypress Inn. The invitation was sent out in September so we would appreciate it if you could go ahead and RSVP – to Laura Fowler and Olivia Chatman. Also, let them know if you plan on bringing a guest.
- The 2022 Shrimp Jam was a huge success and we cleared nearly \$50,000 from this event. Currently, we are now looking at who we want to get as our guest speaker for next year's Shrimp Jam event.
- The October 6th Legislative Luncheon was very well attended and successful. The primary presentation that we made was in regards to the new LSUA Health Education Campus in downtown Alexandria. It was extremely well received by both legislators and hospital administrators. Currently, in Central Louisiana, we have 550 vacant registered nurse jobs available that need filling – not counting nursing home vacancies. This is a serious crisis and they are looking at higher education to address it with as much effort as possible and LSUA intends to do just that.
- Yesterday at the City Council meeting, there was a unanimous vote to take ownership of the sewer line that we have been trying to get the City of Alexandria to accept for many years. Since the sewer system was completed in 2013, we have been maintaining it because it provides service to both LSUA and the State Mega Shelter. We do not have the capability

to maintain a facility such as this. The State of Louisiana spent about \$7 million dollars creating this sewer line and they are going to donate it to the City of Alexandria, who will assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities. This is excellent news for us; however, the city still has a couple of documents to get from LSU and DOTD before the mayor will grant final approval. I want to give credit to the City of Alexandria, Mayor Jeffrey Hall, Susan Broussard, and all others who have worked to make this become a reality.

- There has been much success in grant writing here at LSUA. Recently, the School of Nursing received 2 grants from the Rapides Foundation with the help of Dr. Cathy Cormier and Chancey Slider. One grant is for \$1.1 million and the other is for \$266,000, so that is wonderful news. These grants will help us address the healthcare shortage in Central Louisiana.
- There will be an All-Campus Meeting in the Ballroom on Tuesday, November 1 at 3:30 p.m. and a celebration to follow at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.
- This afternoon, we are having the CENLA Accountants for the Future press conference in the LSUA Art Gallery. Our donors will be in attendance and all are welcome to join us in thanking them for their support.
- The recently held AMoA's second annual Farm to Forest Plein Air Festival went really well. This is something that I believe we should continue to support and promote.
- Our Enrollment Retreat will be on Friday, October 28 at Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center in Pollock, Louisiana.
- One of our LSUA Foundation Board members, Nell Shehee, started an initiative to promote acts of kindness within the community. She will be coming to speak at SLT today to discuss how LSUA can participate in that effort.
- Currently, we are looking at the possibility of having to move the ground breaking that was set for Feb.10th. There is still needed discussion as far as contracts and bidding.
- Connie Cooper presented a certificate of achievement announcing and proclaiming that every LSUA faculty and staff member on this campus has successfully completed mandatory diversity, equity and inclusion training. This is something that we have never been able to accomplish before, so we are thrilled about Connie's dedication and hard work. An amazing accomplishment for sure!
- There will be a Campus Clean-up Day on Saturday, October 22 at 8:00 a.m. hosted by Student Government. Lunch will be provided for those that volunteer their time and energy to help with this effort.
- The next meeting will be on November 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. John Rowan

- The AMoA's second annual Farm to Forest Plein Air Festival this past weekend was wonderful. The weather cooperated, everyone was enthusiastic, there were a good number

of artists from out of town in attendance. Thank you to everyone who contributed to that effort.

- We had a good meeting with Department Chairs, Deans, and Doctors a couple of days ago to discuss a number of things including innovative combinations of interdisciplinary programs. As a university, we need to stay ahead of the curve and be able to anticipate what will be in demand and what will be useful for our regional employers. I appreciate all of the academic leaders for putting their minds together and coming up with some of these ideas. The process for getting programs approved by the Board of Regents used to include a letter of intent which had to go through prior to the full proposal. The letter of intent has since been eliminated to hopefully make it more of a direct process and enable us to be more agile and responsive. However, there are some other steps they are now wanting. Currently, I am communicating with the Provost Office in Baton Rouge trying to figure out what these other steps are going to include.
- Dr. Eamon Halpin is out of the office this week, he is visiting Ireland.
- Work on the SACSCOC re-accreditation is very much on track. Please keep in mind that each area on campus will need to demonstrate that it is assessing continuous improvement. Some outreach has already occurred to some of these areas, but if you have not been contacted yet, eventually you will be. Be thinking about your office or department's mission to the university and goals for improvement and implementation.
- Our flight school partnership is still looking good as well as our aviation students. Our hope is for them to be caught up by next semester. Nonetheless, our aviation students are still getting some time in the air thanks to our full-time aviation instructor, Bill Blackburn.
- We are trying to engage our online students more through things such as experienced learning, career development, and participation in online student organizations. Currently, we are inviting online students who are planning to physically attend commencement at the Rapides Parish Coliseum this fall to visit campus. There will be a reception in the Mulder Hall lobby on Wednesday, December 14 to visit campus and meet some of the faculty, staff, and other online students. Thanks to Teresa Seymour for incorporating all of these ideas to get online student engagement up. We are hoping this will be a good start to what will be a regular occurrence for online graduates. For those online students who do not attend the reception and physical commencement, Dr. Coreil and I will do a live broadcast announcing their names and congratulating them.

Adam Lord

- If there are any content needs from Strat Comm ahead of commencement, we need to have those requests as soon as possible so they can be handled in a timely manner.
- On behalf of Nathan, looking at his calendar, he has a ton of video projects that are still in progress. Essentially, video requests from now until the end of the semester are full. If there

is a special circumstance, come and talk to me, but otherwise we need to hold off on random video requests.

- Our spring recruitment digital ad campaign kicks off very soon. We are just waiting for our proofed ads to come back from our partner in Baton Rouge before those go live on various platforms. We have a handful of programs that start advertising in October and there is a schedule that rolls out through the rest of the year.
- The Chancellor's Report has been mailed out so they should be arriving any day now.
- For people who currently have access to our Canva enterprise system, Chase has put together a training document that will be sent out shortly. We plan to do some live training meetings soon as well. As far as capacity, we pay for 20 accounts and we are at the max for that enterprise right now. Ultimately, we would like to expand access to Canva, but we have to figure out the right funding mechanisms to do so. It is a pay-per-user system and Strat Comm is near the end of our budget.

Tyler Unsicker

- Today, we are hosting our Annual Mid-Day Madness event in the Fort at 12:00 p.m. We will introduce both the Men's and Women's Basketball teams and their coaches. The teams will be divided and play against one another in a light scrimmage. There will also be a basketball shooting competition and a dunk contest. Following the Mid-Day Madness event, the Catholic Student Organization will provide lunch for all of those in attendance.
- Our last two home soccer games will be happening this week. The first game will be on Thursday, October 20 and senior day is on Saturday, October 22.
- Basketball games will start next week. We moved our game on Thursday, October 27 to noon because of Trick or Treat Street.
- Our student athletes wanted to do a service project, so they are doing their own Trick or Treat out on the tennis court next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Everyone that wears costumes can get into the game that night at 5:00 p.m.

Chad Gauthier

- In regards to COVID, community levels statewide remain low to medium in all parishes of the state. Again, we are at the baseline right now where we do not go any higher or lower. There is some discussion about a potential winter wave of cases coming, especially in the elderly population. Vaccines and boosters are still being suggested if you have not already gotten that. Last week, there was only one positive case on campus and it was a student. So far, this week there have been zero positive cases.
- As far as tropical disruptions go, the season peaked on Saturday, September 10. At this point, it is rare to experience anything with a significant impact on us.

- The drainage project is 99.99% completed, there are a few little things left to be done. Parking issues have decreased greatly with the library lot opening back up.
- Lots of barricades have been taken down around campus improving the look greatly.
- Our boiler project has finally started this week. They are going to start pouring the pads for the boilers this week. At some point, there will be a conversion of the old boiler system to the new one per building. With these conversions, it means heat will be unavailable in the building they are working on. We are going to try and schedule these conversions on days where heat is not needed.
- My annual audit is on Thursday, November 3 so I will be busy preparing for that.

Shelly Gill

- I do want to let everyone know that Trenton Brownlee, Dual Enrollment Coordinator, has resigned from his position here at LSUA. If you know anyone that would be good for this position, we will be accepting applications soon.
- Registration will be open next week. The Assistant Director of Advising, Haley Bryant, requests that faculty advisors go ahead and reach out to their advisees.
- There will be a new hold on student accounts called "graduation hold." This hold will be on their accounts until they graduate. After they do graduate, the hold will be lifted and if they want to continue taking courses, they can. If students ask about this hold, have them contact the Registrar's Office.
- Last week, the new E-Sports Gaming Lounge opened up and we want to thank Caleb Funderburk and Haylee Malone for all of their hard work in making this vision come to life. From what I have heard, this week it is being used very heavily, so that is great news.
- Our Student Government pulled off a great Fall Festival last week so thank you to them for their hard work and dedication to that.
- Trick or Treat Street will be happening on Thursday, October 27 and tickets are only available online.
- Our Spend the Day at A event will be happening on Saturday, November 12. We are excited to host prospective students and their families on campus that day.
- We are hoping that by next week, the busy recruitment season will be near an end.
- Career Compass coaches will be meeting on campus on Friday. Joshua Perrodin, Jeff Massey and myself have some time on our agendas to talk to these coaches about updates for LSUA and what we are doing in admissions.
- The LSUA Health Center is continuing to offer the Moderna booster and Monkey Pox booster vaccines until the end of November. Yesterday, they wrapped up the flu clinic as well.
- Financial Aid is representing LSUA very well at local high schools for FAFSA Completion Nights. Those events are held in October-November and again in the spring. Jeff Massey,

Meagan Chatelain, and their team have been out representing LSUA really well by helping high school students complete that financial aid form.

- If you are a supervisor, Daniel Manuel has sent out an email about a new training. This new training is ADA training that is due on Tuesday, November 15.
- Many of us will be out in Baton Rouge for Workday next week. The decisions are still being made about who needs to be in attendance, but I just wanted to let everyone know.
- As of yesterday, our enrollment through the second session is at 4291 students.
- Student Government is having a Campus Clean-up Day Saturday, October 22 at 8:00 a.m. If you are interested in participating in that effort, please get with the Student Government for more information.

Kelly Pepper

- I want to invite everyone to the LSUA CENLA Accountants for the Future press conference event today at 3:00 p.m. in the LSUA Art Gallery. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear from the fund donors as well as our LSUA leadership team.
- We have a new program regarding the LSUA oak trees on our campus, it is called the Legacy Oak Program. This program offers donors an opportunity to honor or memorialize those important to them. Yesterday, 3 new trees were planted in front of the baseball field. In the Spring of 2023, we will host a donor event where the naming of those trees will take place. For further information on the Legacy Oak Program, please go to the Foundation website. (<https://www.lsuafoundation.org/lsua-foundation-legacy-oaks-program>)
- Our Purple and Gold Party, sponsored by our Alumni and Friends has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 12. If you were asked to help assist with this party, you should have received an updated calendar invite from the LSUA Foundation earlier in the week. More information will come as we move closer to the date of that event.
- The LSUA Foundation is looking for nominees for board service. The nominations committee will accept nominations through next week. If you know of someone who would be a great LSUA Foundation board member, share their contact information with me and I will gladly get in touch with them.
- In regards to Shrimp Jam, the discussion has begun on all of the potential keynote speakers for next year's event. The next GAA meeting will be in January.

Beth Whittington

- There have not been many people checking in on our website to leave comments and concerns for the Cabinet.
- Dr. Prakash Ghimire, in Mathematics and Computer Science, won for his proposal of creating open education resources material for college algebra to support the expansion of dual enrollment courses in Louisiana.

- The nursing program under Dr. Yvette Lowery, Assistant Professor, launched the RN Mentoring Program where RN's will partner and mentor the students in the associate program.
- Social Sciences reported that they are pursuing disaster management as a full Bachelor of Science degree where before that, it was a general studies degree.
- History is incorporating an online degree in addition to their face-to-face degree.
- Shelly Gill, Nina Cox, and I will be meeting with 5 high school students from South Africa via Zoom to discuss our criminal justice program today at 11:30 a.m. This is being done through one of the International Recruiting Agencies.

Connie Cooper

- We are gearing up for the second annual "Sisters Like Me: Black Girl Magic" program at LSUA. This year, we have a program committee that is composed of students – they are planning, implementing and communicating all while building leadership skills. We hope to recruit potential students that would want to attend LSUA. Special thanks to Strat Comms for developing some phenomenal graphics and marketing pieces for the program. One of their student workers, Myra Parks, did a fabulous job designing. The enabled us to develop tee shirts and flyers to brand the event for future years. Special thanks to Facility Services for making sure that the set up was just right.
- Our DEI training team is looking forward to hopefully rolling out two different choices for diversity training for year 2023. We hope to get it out by November 2022 for people who want to get a head start on their diversity training for the year 2023.

Laura Fowler

- Friendly reminder that our All-Campus Meeting and Celebration is on Tuesday, November 1. It will take place in the Brumfield Caffey Ballroom beginning at 3:30 p.m. and the celebration at 4:30 p.m.
- Today is Farmer's Market out on the Quad from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. if you are interested in stopping by.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
