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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

11/16/2022 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Dr. Bernard Gallagher, Beth Whittington, Olivia Chatman

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- A potential donor contacted LSUA about donating a lot next to the A.C. Buchanan, III Allied Health Education Building. This is in addition to the lot we currently have. This would help greatly with parking for our proposed Healthcare Education Campus.
- This week, we received a copy of the semi-final draft for the LSU Systems Strategic Plan – Dr. Rowan has been our representative on the development team. We are reviewing it now and after it is complete, we will share it with you all.
- Tonight, Arlene and I are attending an event at LSU for President Tate's wife, Kim Cash Tate, who is a gospel singer/songwriter. She is releasing her third album.
- There will be an LSU Board of Supervisors meeting at LSUE on Friday, December 9. At the meeting, we are presenting a resolution to the board requesting that the Student Success Center be named the Martin Family Student Success Center in honor of all of the financial and leadership support we have received from RoyOMartin. In addition, we have invited Roy O'Martin III to attend that meeting and he has agreed to come.
- On April 21, the LSU Board of Supervisors plan to hold their meeting here at LSUA. As of now, we are tentatively set to have the LSU Student Success Center groundbreaking that day as well.
- Valencia Jones, Chairman of the LSU Board of Supervisors, will be conferring degrees at our 2022 Fall Commencement on Thursday, December 15.
- There is an Alexandria Business Foundation video that has been developed by Nathan Parrish and we hope to share that soon with everyone.
- The Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates will be meeting here at LSUA on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Live Oaks conference room. They will be discussing the

resolution from the legislature related to faculty tenure as well as tuition authority for Management Boards of Higher Education.

- Deron and I have been working on the transfer of the sewer line to the City of Alexandria. Final discussions are still in progress, however, newly elected Alexandria Mayor Jacques Roy, has expressed his full support of the transfer to the city.
- We are still reviewing a Campus Edge proposal submitted by a local developer in response to the development RFP we recently published. Our hope is to provide new amenities and services on the property now taken up by the Golf Course. Our goal is to bring more retail amenities and attractions to LSUA that will benefit our students, faculty and staff and the surrounding community.
- Louisiana Central is offering a free Business Acceleration Training primarily on tools for interviewing and hiring on Thursday, December 1.
- Most supervisors were required to do the ADA training and I believe the deadline was yesterday. If you have not completed that, you are not in compliance.
- Jefferson Parish Congressman Steve Scalise, was unanimously elected as the majority leader in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. This is a very influential position in Congress that could be very beneficial to Louisiana.
- Dr. Abbey Bain will be back for half days on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. After Thanksgiving, she will return to work full-time. Welcome back Dr. Bain!
- Campus will close after the Tanks'Giving Luncheon which is at 11:00-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and we will return to work on Monday, November 28. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you all for the outstanding work you all do every day! You all are appreciated.
- The next meeting will be on November 30, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. John Rowan

- Last week, the College of Business hosted the ACBSP Region Six Conference in town, which is their accrediting body. At the conference, they had 50 different attendees from 5 different states. The keynote speaker for the event was Kenny Robinson from Crest Industries.
- About two weeks ago, I was able to take six of our honors experience students to the national conference in Dallas, Texas. While at the conference, they got to interact with honors programs and colleges from across the country – learned about curriculum, engaged in experiential learning and service to the community. After going to the conference, the six students have a number of things that they would like to do here with our other honors experience students.
- Dr. Mark Lacour is going to be in Boston with students to present research.
- We are nearing the end of our participation in the Career to Curriculum Institute, which is sponsored through the American Association of Colleges and Universities. On this team I have Dr. Beth Palmer, Dr. Sandra Gilliland, Dr. Nathan Ponder and Dr. Elizabeth Beard.

Currently, we are looking at a project that organizes durable skills into various competencies, which then can hopefully be parts of certain majors. Our final presentation for that institute will be done next month. Starting in January, we will be looking at possibilities of implementing the things we have presented.

- In Academic Affairs, we have a few open positions – Library Director, Arts Chair, and some at STARBASE. Tiffany Cook, our point person at STARBASE will be on campus later today. We are meeting to discuss some of the logistics.
- Dr. Beth Palmer, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Holistic Education and Career Development, was on the radio yesterday talking about a job fair that is happening today. We are participating in that job fair along with CLTCC, Northwestern, and LCU.
- As the semester winds down, I want to thank a number of you for taking the time to meet with many of my students who showed up to your office to learn more about campus and each department.
- Tomorrow, we have an Academic Council Meeting, which consists of 30 leaders from across Academic Affairs. At the meeting, we will have Adam Lord speak about Canva.
- I want to thank Shelly Gill for meeting and talking about dual enrollment courses at University Academy/Country Day High School on our campus. We try to offer them specific opportunities and I believe we are making some progress.
- Revision of the policy statements is ongoing.
- Dr. Seth Bovey, Professor of English, was spotlighted last week in the Town Talk for his book on garage bands.
- Currently, it is International Education Week and our International Programs Coordinator, Nina Cox, has done a terrific job planning the events. We have had many of our faculty get involved by participating in activities such as discussion panels, dances, and preparing food or drinks that represent their culture.
- The Promotion Tenure Process is underway. With the policy change last year, promotions for instructors (faculty or full time – not tenure) were considered in the spring rather than in the fall. There will be open forums to discuss what the Promotion Tenure Process entails and to put some strategies in place for that.
- The Alexandria Museum of Art (AMoA) gets accredited every 10 years. Last week, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Kelly Pepper, and I met with the visiting accreditation team. It seems to have gone well, but we should be finding out soon.
- There have been a couple of questions about the faculty calendar – a new calendar that we began this semester. In addition to some of the core university key dates, it has some of the core faculty key dates. Questions are being asked about the availability of the spring faculty calendar. We are hoping to have the spring faculty calendar ready by early December.
- System meeting of Provosts to discuss Lightcast (formerly known as Emsi Burning Glass), which is a platform that goes over employment projections. With the revised Board of Regents program proposal process, which includes development of a 3-year academic plan, this platform will be quite beneficial.

- The LSUA production of Arsenic and Old Lace will begin tonight and run through Sunday. There are some faculty and staff acting in the play as well so make sure to go and check it out.
- Remember that it is important to report to Eamon and Scott in a relevant and timely manner when they reach out in regards to SACS re-accreditation efforts.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Our new flight school partner, Gulf Coast Aviation, is at Alexandria International Airport (AEX) today and tomorrow to provide additional flight hours to our current aviation students. We appreciate Gulf Coast Aviation for coming in and allowing our students to catch up on some of their flight hours. Also, I want to thank Flightline Air Service in Pineville for continuing to help with that effort as well.
- I am continuing to work on writing responses to our SACS standards. Dr. Cynthia Thomas and I have been working the last few weeks to make sure that we are up to date with our assessment of academic programs and administrative support units.

Deron Thaxton

- The last few weeks we have seen quite a few expense reports well past the 30-day mark. Please remind all of your staff to complete those in a timely manner.
- Earlier this week, Powercampus and Self Service were upgraded and it went well. It was a major upgrade to Powercampus and Self Service is brand new, much more intuitive and user friendly. If you do have questions that arise from the upgrade, be sure and reach out to IET.
- Prior to Covid, we began talking to Barnes & Noble about a new program that they were putting in place at the time called, First Day Complete. Essentially, it is a program that enables students to pay one price per credit hour for all books, no matter the course. The main goal of this program is to ensure that all students have a textbook for the first day of classes – the majority of textbooks are electronic digital versions. Students do have the option to opt out of it and purchase textbooks on their own. At this time, nothing has been agreed to, but we are looking into the benefits of implementing this program.
- Revenue wise through the end of October of this fiscal year, we are up this year \$2.3 million in total revenue over the same time period last year – \$1.6 of that is from online students. Also, a large portion of that is state dollars because this year we received \$500,000. Overall, trend wise, we are where we need to be at this point.
- Expense wise, we are up \$1.4 million through the end of October. According to our projections, we are where we need to be expense wise as well.
- We had a couple of promising candidates for the Executive Director of Facility Services position, but both have withdrawn their applications. Yesterday, we made a few minor tweaks to the job description and reposted it in hopes of getting new applicants. If you

know of anyone that would be a good fit for this position, please share the application with them. With that being said, Chad Gauthier will continue to be our Interim Director of Facilities for the foreseeable future. We want to thank and acknowledge Chad for the hard work he is doing and let him know we appreciate it.

- As of this morning, registration for the Spring 2023 semester is up 187 for on-campus students and 216 in online students.

Adam Lord

- Currently, we are doing a marketing glitch for the LSUA nursing school program through billboards, radio and television ads. It has come to our attention that there is an opportunity to capitalize on some customer frustration between two of our closest competitors in nursing. We are using this opportunity to remind the public that our nursing program is accessible, affordable and accredited in Central Louisiana.
- We are prepared to build content that will go toward the new zoology concentration that will soon be available for students after it is out of the approval process.
- There have been a number of questions brought up to me in regards to the amount of campus wide emails that are being sent to the faculty and staff email account. It has created some frustration so I want to express that concern to you all in order to explore some solutions that may resolve this issue.
- Tomorrow, we will be discussing Canva with the Academic Leaders Team. We are in a position to be able to adjust our users or maybe add to our enterprise account. However, Strat Comms does not have the capacity to take on the cost for all of the users. We are now in a position where we can separate out worktags for different users. I have a list of accounts that are within our budget as well as some who have access, but are outside of our budget. There will need to be a conversation with those individuals on how they want to move forward. It costs about \$150 yearly per account – a low entry level amount for what you get access to. I will be following up with current users and future users about how to get worktag information to Chase on those accounts that we need to siphon off of our budget and put toward individual budgets.

Tyler Unsicker

- Both Men's and Women's Soccer season has come to a close for the year. The Women's Soccer played hard, but lost to Texas A&M University Texarkana in Overtime at the Red River Athletic Conference. The Men's Soccer team was unable to defeat the LSUS Pilots in the Red River Athletic Conference semifinals. Each team has played with much spirit and love for the game of soccer. We are sad that the season has come to an end, but proud of the hard work that was put in.
- Now that soccer season is over, we are transitioning into the basketball season. Below is the link to view both the Men's and Women's Basketball game schedules.

<https://lsuagenerals.com/sports/mens-basketball/schedule>

<https://lsuagenerals.com/sports/womens-basketball/schedule>

- Our Assistant Athletic Director, Tori Carpenter, will be leaving this week so her position is open. Please encourage people that you know would be a good fit to apply.
- Mackenzie Young has been the Interim Head Coach of Men's Soccer this past season. We are working with him to see if this position would be a good permanent fit.

Don Collins

- The Campus Police are staying busy, especially with the holiday season approaching and all of the events that occur during this time.

Shelly Gill

- Spend the Day at A was a huge success. THANK YOU to everyone who assisted in any way.
- Applications are trending up - everyone should have received the latest application report. Reminder that last year, the fall numbers included 100% online numbers. This year, the Fall 2023 application for 100% online students will not open until after the start of the Spring semester.
- Advising is going well - advisors have full calendars. Really encouraging student to get that schedule prior leaving for semester break.
- Spring enrollment is trending up.
- Last Total U for Fall is tomorrow - First female Chief of Jena Choctaw Tribe is the speaker.

Chad Gauthier

- The amount of Covid cases on campus has been relatively quiet for the last couple of months. This week, we have had two positive cases on campus.
- There have been several spikes in cases for the flu, strep, and RSV going around.
- As far as tropics, there is nothing to report here. Thankfully, the one we were watching did end up turning away from the Gulf of Mexico.
- The biggest project that we have in facility services as of now is the ongoing boiler project. Currently, Abrams Hall and Oakland are on the new boiler system. Our next buildings to convert are Coughlin Hall and the Science Building. We plan to start on Coughlin Hall this afternoon and have it converted by Monday. For the Science Building, the installation process will be longer – about 4-5 days instead of 2-3. We have postponed the science building installation until the week after Thanksgiving, depending on the weather. After all of the boilers have been installed, there will be some adjusting that has to take place. With that said, please let us know if the temperature is too hot or too cold so we can correct it.

- About two weeks ago, the office of risk management was here conducting our annual audit and it went well. There were minimal findings, but we passed. I want to thank all of you for responding back to the material that I send out frequently, it plays a big part in our audit. In addition to that, the next safety articles will be sent out by either the end of this week or the beginning of next week – please reply and encourage others in your office/department to do the same.
- We did hire a Custodian Supervisor that will start on Monday, November 21. With the Executive Director of Facility Services position vacant, we are hoping this will help the department out.
- There will be a new position added to the custodian department that we will start looking to fill within the next week or so.
- Chief Collins and I have placed some signage in the roundabouts to help direct traffic flow on campus.

Connie Cooper

- This week we will be traveling to Leesville to provide DEI training to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a national association. They sought us out and are paying for the training, so we are excited about that opportunity. It will be Dr. Cheryl Bardales and myself doing the training. There will be a variety of attendants such as CASA advocates, board members and some employees of the Department of Children and Family Services.
- The week of January 17-20 will be Martin Luther King Commemoration Week and activities are being planned.
- On February 2, we will host the 29th Annual Black History Scholarship Luncheon. We have already had members in our campus community volunteer to be participants in this program. The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Edward "Ted" James, SBA Regional Administrator for the South-Central Region, who was appointed by our sitting President Joe Biden. We are very excited to have him as our keynote speaker and look forward to the luncheon.
- We plan to take students from the BOLD Leadership Group to the SBSLC at Texas A&M in January. Last year, we could not attend due to Covid so we are looking forward to going this year.
- The Black Girl Magic event was well done with 93 in attendance – some attendees have inquired about how they can apply to LSUA. I want to thank facility services for being a huge help in setting up and cleaning afterwards.

Dr. Bernard Gallagher

- The English Department is completing its program review and learned that Best Degree Programs ranked LSUA's online English degree fourth nationally, just behind Western New Mexico University, Florida International University, and the University of Central Florida.
- Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dean of College of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Shonu Nangia, Professor of Foreign Languages, along with several students spent the weekend on the New Talavan organic farm in Mississippi. This was part of Dr. Nangia's HIPH 1001 core class that encourages practices for preservation along with crop production.
- The College of Business hosted the annual Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Conference on November 9-10 with about 50 attendees.
- On November 17, the College of Liberal Arts and the Westside Regional Library will be hosting the last Cavanaugh Lecture of the fall. The featured speaker is Ashley Weaver, an LSUA graduate and the author of 9 novels.
- The production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, presented by the Theater Department of the College of Liberal Arts, will begin tonight and run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
- Today at noon, Dr. Holly Wilson will have LSUA Foundation Chair, Stephen Wright, speaking about the importance of soft skills in business.
- It is International Education Week and there are several activities going on to celebrate here at LSUA.
- Dr. Chris Stacey, Professor of History, signed a contract with Lexington to publish his book on the history of regional wrestling in the South.
- This Saturday, the Louisiana Association of Faculty Senate will be meeting here to discuss tuition and tenure review.
- This past weekend was Spend the Day at A with about 60 attendees; it was a great event.

Beth Whittington

- Serving on the Courses & Curriculum Committee, I'm privileged to see that we do have numerous existing courses and degrees that are being revised, as well as new ones being developed – the Zoo Sciences concentration was approved this week.
- Nursing reports that Laurie Pittman was accepted as a podium presenter at the International Nursing Honors Society Conference in Austin, Texas. Her topic of discussion is enhancing knowledge and skills and addressing workplace violence and incivility.
- Dr. Haywood Joiner reports that Allied Health has signed an MOU with LSUE for the expansion of the Associate of Applied Sciences and Surgical Technology – which is an LSUE program. The program will be housed on the second floor of our Buchanan Building in Downtown Alexandria. Students will take prerequisite courses through LSUA and surgical technology courses through LSUE, but here at Alexandria.

- Allied Health is participating in an event this week at the Randolph Riverfront Center where 10th grade students can explore career opportunities.
- Allied Health received a Perkins Carryover Grant to purchase equipment for existing programs.
- I received a call from someone with the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office. We previously had a student that worked there who needed to finish his degree so he could get promoted. While working there, he has spoken highly of our program and now has some of his co-workers wanting to sign up for our program as well.

Olivia Chatman

- Farmer's Market is today on the Quad at 10:00-1:00 p.m.
- Tanks' Giving Luncheon will be on Wednesday, November 23 at 11:00-12:30 p.m.
- Christmas on the Quad will be happening on Tuesday, November 29 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Cookies and Hot Chocolate with Coreil will be on Wednesday, November 30 at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Fall 2022 Commencement is on Thursday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.
