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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

12/13/2022 2:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Beth Whittington, Olivia Chatman

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

Dr. Paul Coreil

- There is a slight chance that severe weather is indicated for this evening, so we are watching it closely. It is on days like these that we are extra thankful for the drainage project and its success. Please keep an eye on your email to stay updated on possible closure. Chad is currently on vacation in Florida so Donnie Jeansonne is in charge of Facility Services until he returns. With that said, Chief Collins, Donnie and myself are all communicating in regards to the weather.
- On Friday, we attended the Board of Supervisors meeting at LSUE and they approved the naming of our new building. It will be called the *Martin Family Student Success Center* in honor of all that the Roy O. Martin family has done for LSUA. Also, they approved the Alexandria Business Foundation Chair proposal and we will be submitting a proposal for the \$400K match to the Board of Regents in mid-January. The deadline is February 1, but I know that Kelly Pepper and the foundation staff are working diligently to make sure that we have a strong application. We are very hopeful that it will get a \$400,000 match to put with our \$600,000 donation and have a \$1 million chair to support accounting and the cause of business. Currently, this university only has 3 chairs so getting this one would make 4. I want to thank all of you who are working on the application for the match.
- There will be a Board of Supervisors meeting here at LSUA on Friday, April 21. Also happening that day is the groundbreaking for the Martin Family Student Success Center. As everybody knows, we were able to raise over \$5 million in private funding for this project as part of the LSUA Fierce for the Future Capital Campaign. The Foundation will transfer the funds before the groundbreaking.
- For the next 12 months, a high priority for SLT is updating our policies. As we approach SACS reaffirmation, it is our goal to keep up with policy reviews since it is of high

importance. Also, we have gotten requests from LSU Online for our academic calendar. We are hoping to get it back to Senate review this week and the draft calendar today. It is critical for the online programs that we have the calendar finalized.

- We are still working on getting a digital billboard on the corner by the Y-Not Stop. Deron and Adam are working together to figure out costs and marketing opportunities. Additionally, we are still looking into featuring donors and sponsors in order to help with the cost. It would be a great way to showcase what LSUA has to offer and we believe it would be quite beneficial.
- Our consultants for the Campus Edge project are still negotiating with the developer. It will be somewhat of a process with the developer before we are able to share specific ideas, but we will keep you all updated.
- Online Commencement is tomorrow at noon, which will be live. The reception for online students who are attending commencement at the Rapides Parish Coliseum will be tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. in the Mulder Hall lobby. Lastly, the Fall 2022 Commencement will be on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum.
- The next meeting will be on January 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Although we are wrapping up a successful semester, this is a very busy time for advising and Shelly's team is doing a great job at getting students admitted. We are busy trying to get those students registered before the holidays since the first day of class is on January 9. Overall, enrollment is still up 500 students from this time last year. Our focus is centered heavily on students who live at the Oaks and making sure that they are all registered for next semester. In order to remain a resident at the Oaks, students must have a schedule for the spring semester by Friday.
- Hannah Nyman has been hired as our Director of Residential Life and she starts on January 3 so we are thrilled about adding her to the LSUA family.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Dr. Rowan is at a meeting today with the Faculty Committee charged with making decisions on applications for promotions to tenure. They have to put together an extensive portfolio documenting scholarships and other contributions to the campus – it is a big deal for faculty members.
- Reminder that our first virtual commencement is tomorrow at noon and a reception for online graduates who are attending commencement will be followed later that afternoon.
- I am working with our two aviation instructors to prepare for our third full semester of aviation courses. In the spring, we will have 18 continuing students (11 from the spring and 7 from the fall) as well as 2 new students. One of the new students is a 24-year-old

college graduate from Ohio who learned about our program and is now moving down here in January. The other new student joining the program is a 16-year-old dual enrollment student who is currently homeschooled.

- Last week, Dr. Coreil, Dr. Rowan, Deron Thaxton, Scott Colley, Dr. Cynthia Thomas, Dr. Rob Wright, Dr. Cheryl Bardales and I attended the annual SACSCOC meeting. It was an important meeting for us because it included special orientation sessions for the reaffirmation year, which is in 2025. At the meeting we had an opportunity to meet with our SACS Vice President, Dr. Geoffrey Klein. He assured us that he will guide us through this process over the next 2 ½ years. Overall, it was an excellent meeting and we learned a lot, but there is much more work to be done.
- Our 4 SPERO students just completed their first semester in the program. Brittany and I both agree that each student has made significant progress throughout the semester. Each of the 4 students are also coming back again in the spring. I want to thank everyone for supporting and aiding the SPERO program and also for being so kind and helpful to each of the students.

Melinda Anderson

- We spent Friday in Eunice at LSUE for the Board of Supervisors meeting. They did approve the naming of the new building, the Martin Family Student Success Center. It was a great day for LSUA as well as the Martin family.
- This evening, Dr. Coreil and Dr. Joiner will be presenting to the City Council in regards to the expansion of the downtown nursing and allied health program.

Adam Lord

- We are finishing up the work on the Chancellor's 4th Quarter Report, but it will be sent off for printing soon.
- Our next project will be working on the Year in Review magazine, which is our annual report. There have been tons of neat stories this year so the magazine will be great.

Tyler Unsicker

- Soccer has 2 buildings that they currently use as locker rooms, but they are on facility grounds. We are going to be moving one over to baseball to use as their press box and the other to softball to be used as a storage locker room.
- This morning I got word that we received \$38,000 from GETA to help with our softball tournament, tennis tournament and conference basketball tournament. We now have funding for all three tournaments, which are all in February.
- Basketball is on the road for the first 3 games of the conference schedule. Last year, we had 2 divisions, but we lost a couple of teams so now we are playing everyone in our conference 2x. This meant that they had to start really early in December. We have a game

on Thursday at 5 and 7 and a game on Saturday at 2 and 4. The women's team will be on the road December 19, but after that we will have a week off for Christmas break.

Don Collins

- We have been busy with our day-to-day duties here at LSUA, especially during the holiday season.
- As far as weather goes, we have been keeping an eye out for severe weather alerts and doing our best to stay informed with frequent updates. It appears that today we will be getting some heavy rain and wind as well. My only concern is for how bad it may get later this evening during the midnight hours. Hopefully this severe weather stays to the extreme north and south of LSUA.
- I am pleased with the demeanor of the officers that I have working for me. They have been interacting with students more and have expressed to me concerns that these students have. Also, I am pleased with the attitude of most students on campus when getting pulled over or given a ticket for various reasons. The climate outside of this campus does not reflect that well behaved attitude, so we are thankful to have cooperative students.

Shelly Gill

- Admission application for next fall is still way above where we were at this time last year – does not include online students.
- In January, our focus will be on getting the students who have been admitted for next fall to follow through with their enrollment. Also, we will continue to work on getting new applicants as well.
- Reminder that our office, advising and financial aid will be open on January 2, which is our last day of the Christmas break.
- We are starting to meet with our subcommittees on the items that we have come up with during our Enrollment Management Retreat back in October. The ideas that we have come up with are great and we plan to implement them in the spring. I appreciate everyone who is serving on those committees.
- The application is open for the Mulder Scholarship and we are giving a scholarship to both a current student as well as an incoming student for Fall 2024. To apply, students need a 3.5 overall GPA and they must write an essay – the prompt is on the LSUA website. If selected as one of the top 5, the students will come to campus for an all-day interview and a nice dinner where their families can attend as well. We will be sending out an email to current students shortly, but encourage students that you know to apply for this scholarship.

Connie Cooper

- We received payment for the diversity training we facilitated for CASA of West Cenia which is exciting.
- Walker Automotive has booked us to facilitate diversity training for their managers in February. Also, Central Louisiana Society and Human Resource Management group has booked us to facilitate diversity training in January. I want to thank Adam Lord and Dr. Sandra Gilliland for the referral.
- We had our First Rights and Passage Ceremony on Sunday at the Richard Gwartney Theater. At the ceremony, we celebrated 4 BOLD members who were able to continue their studies despite the odds and attain graduation, which they will attend on Thursday. We engaged 12 community members. Special thanks to Dr. Coreil for his support of the event. I want to also thank Dr. Zebulon Bell, Bob Harper, Josh Perrodin, Facility Services and Sheila Hudson. It was a lovely program and the students really appreciated the honor that was made for their achievements.
- Reminder that MLK Commemoration Week will be January 16-20. I am partnering with Beth Whittington, Melinda Anderson and Cynthia Thomas to develop programming. I thank each of them for their partnership and willingness to help.
- Mark your calendars for our 29th Annual Black History Scholarship Luncheon which will be on February 2. The keynote speaker will be Edward "Ted" James, SBA Regional Administrator for the South-Central Region, who was appointed by President Joe Biden.
- I want to thank Shelly's team in admissions for all of the great work that they are doing. A young lady reached out to me about applying to LSU and I gave her admissions' contact information and they quickly followed up and got her enrolled. It speaks to the awesome job that we are all doing here at LSU.
- I will be out of office December 16-January 2, but you can still reach me through email or on my cell.

Kelly Pepper

- The Foundation is looking forward to attending the Fall 2022 Commencement, which is on Thursday. We are celebrating and welcoming our students into their alumni status by giving them an LSU Alumni shirt. It is our hope that the students stay connected to our institution and that they know they are always considered part of the LSU family.

Beth Whittington

- Due to the shortened return week that requires Convocation, Fall Faculty Meeting, college meetings, and department meetings, the faculty are suggesting that Mandatory CTE Training should not be mandatory or should be moved to another date. It puts a time crunch on faculty who are helping advise students and prepping for courses, especially new ones.

Olivia Chatman

- Fall 2022 Commencement is on Thursday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum.
- Spring 2023 Convocation will be on Tuesday, January 3 at 10:30-11:45 a.m. in Coughlin Hall auditorium with lunch to follow at 12:00 p.m. in the Brumfield Caffey Ballroom.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
