



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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12/14/2021 2:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Paul Coreil, Connie Cooper, Melinda Anderson, Jennifer Innerarity, Adam Lord, Deron Thaxton, Tyler Unsicker, Chad Gauthier, Jennifer Parish, Dr. John Rowan, Melissa Parks, Shelly Gill, Kevin Vercher, Missy Laborde

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#### Dr. Coreil

- Farmers Market will come back to the LSUA campus in January. Any feedback in the next few weeks would be helpful in helping us decide the future schedule.
- Regarding COVID, please consider getting vaccinated and getting a booster.
- United Way Campaign is currently underway. Please consider contributing to this organization.
- We are getting positive feedback from the RPSB and throughout our community about all the great things happening at LSUA.
- We are still accepting contributions for the Capital Campaign.
- Check Presentation will be tomorrow at RoyOMartin Headquarters in Alexandria at 3:30. This contribution is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest donation in the history of LSUA. They are interested in workforce development in Central Louisiana through the growth of programs such as nursing, business, and accounting, among others.
- Coach DeeDee Breaux, this year's LSU Alumnus of the Year, will speak on Sept. 22, 2022 at Shrimp Jam. Thanks to President Tate's office for helping us get the commitment.

#### Dr. John Rowan

- There has been much positive external interest in our university lately. Recently, we collaborated with Rapides Parish School Board regarding June 13-17 Leadership U, to be hosted by LSUA.
- For the Spring semester I have asked Deans to begin Phase 2 of their development which means finalizing their internal processes with Department Chairs and to begin planning external development strategies to grow programs.

- We are looking at providing promotion opportunities to our instructors, which are full-time faculty who are not tenure track. Next month I plan to bring a proposal to see how we can motivate instructors to pursue a promotion opportunity just as tenure track professors.
- We have hired an Assistant Professor of Sports Management, Dr. Doyeop Kim. Hope to have him officially hired by Spring.

### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- Staff/Faculty workout led by Caleb Funderburk was a success. He hopes to provide additional activities that focus on health in the future.
- Advising is ongoing. We have 2 new advisors, Madison Fruge and Taylor Rogers. They have met with academic departments and have been assigned students.
- Shelly, Sandy and Dr. Bain had a meeting at the Rapides Parish School Board about LSUA hosting a summer camp called Leadership U for upcoming juniors this June. This is a new initiative and our hope is that in the long term these students will be recruited to LSUA. The focus will be on leadership skills and academics with involvement from our deans, department chairs and other faculty. Current LSUA students will serve as facilitators and camp leaders. More information coming in the Spring. We will need a flyer from Strat Comms before January 6 if possible.

### **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- We have initiated a search for the Director of the SPERO position. We have received 6 applications and are pleased with the applicants.
- We are also going to hire 3-4 students to be mentors to support and assist the SPERO students.
- Deron, Zack, Jeff, and I met with Steve Moore and Joe Brocato from Million Air. They have agreed to provide tuition assistance and we are working out logistics.
- We did conduct a graduate exit exam. The data will be used to determine to what extent we are meeting our general education outcomes required by SACS. Almost every student completed the exit exam, due in large part to our Administrative Assistants.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- Today vs. this time last year, we are still trending about 6-7% up in enrollment. Although our on-campus enrollment is down slightly (<1%), we are still showing an increase overall.
- Drainage project crews began work in the Quad this week in front of the Student Center. This will be the test of the entire project in terms of flooding; we will assess after the first rain. The plan is to complete internal construction by the time students return on January 18, 2022.
- The Student Success Center kickoff meeting today was a success. The project is officially underway. We are in the design and construction drawing stages now, which are the preliminary steps before bidding. Architect Weinzettle was there and we will meet again in early January to go over the design. We will have an opportunity to make minor revisions.

Inflation of construction prices may require additional funding, but should not present a major issue.

- Pouring circle drive on Thursday.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Graduate Dinner is tonight at 5:30. We will reformat this dinner in the future due to lower attendance. Mrs. Sandra McQuain will be tonight's speaker.
- Press Conference for the RoyOMartin Check Presentation will be tomorrow at 3:30.
- I would like to thank all of the LSUA volunteers who came out and helped last Thursday!
- Year-end letters with account balances for our professorships and scholarships are scheduled to go out to donors.

### **Adam Lord**

- The RoyOMartin check presentation is tomorrow at 3:30 at the Martin Offices in Alexandria. Tomorrow evening there will be some content on social media, so please like and share it. The Media Team has already been out to the site to prepare.
- The Chancellor's Quarterly report is being proofed right now and will be ready to go out after the holidays.
- In terms of LSUA's positive relationship with the Rapides Parish School Board, Nathan and Chase are initiating some work to engage with the media teams at local high schools and invite them to campus to learn alongside our media professionals, invite them into our broadcasts, etc.

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Have had the opportunity to get out and meet some potential corporate partners. People are positive and excited about LSUA and are willing to support and sponsor LSUA athletics.
- We are looking forward to partnering with Strat Comms to get LSUA out in to the community.
- We will have campus visits next week for head women's soccer coaches two days next week.
- Men's Basketball plays December 31<sup>st</sup>; the first conference game will be January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chad Gauthier**

- New COVID Variant, Omicron, is more contagious than other variants; but it is likely not more severe. I attended a webinar on COVID today and would like to share these numbers:
- In US today, over 140 thousand children have lost a parent/ grandparent due to COVID. Within that group there is a 50% increase in suicide.
- About 200 people are hospitalized in Louisiana which is one of the lowest numbers so far. However, there are some surges in North Louisiana and New Orleans.

### **Kevin Vercher**

- The downtown/ Desoto St. demolition is moving forward. The asbestos abatement has been completed. The City of Alexandria is removing some of the metering devices that had not

been removed in the past. This should be completed this week. We anticipate the equipment getting out to start the demolition late this week or early next week. After the new year we will do some landscaping and signage.

- Drainage Project update: Crews will work up until Christmas Eve, and a small crew will be working after Christmas. The full crew will pick it up after the New Year.

### **Melissa Parks**

- Educators Rising Regional Conference on January 14, 2022 at the Mega Shelter. This will bring in high school students who are interested in the teaching profession.

### **Shelly Gill**

- Admissions is currently working through some end of semester dual enrollment issues.
- We are working through applications for Spring, Summer and next Fall.
- We do have an open Recruiter position.
- We are continuing to fine tune REACH. It has been an ongoing process. We are also working through our business processing for our Workday implementation.
- Our fall admits through November will receive their T-shirts by Christmas.
- Leadership U is an exciting upcoming project. We are working closely with the Rapides Parish School Board. We have been invited to speak to RPSB Principals on January 6<sup>th</sup> about Leadership U. Dr. Coreil is invited to attend as well.

### **Missy Laborde**

- Grades were due in at 12:00 today so faculty are working hard to complete grading.
- We are encouraged that new online students are calling and needing to be advised.
- Senate By Laws Rewrite Committee have had some great meetings and have made significant progress.
- We will remind colleagues about trainings.
- Experiential learning programs are going well and have been well received by students.
- Plan to send a reminder to the faculty Senators to remind colleagues to get trainings done.

### **Jennifer Innerarity**

- Advising lists are showing which students have not been registered so we have sent out reminders.
- Looking forward to graduation to see some success stories.

### **Connie Cooper**

- Spring and Summer schedules: We will host Diversity 101 on March 8, 2022 from 11-12:30 for the spring. For the summer, we will host the Training on June 7, 2022, from 11-12:30.
- Working on follow up to Diversity 101 to extend that training and make it more relevant. These voluntary workshops will focus on microaggression, unintentional bias, and inclusive

language practices. These will be for students and faculty/ staff. Also, I will become a trainer so that we can train other trainers on our campus.

- Had a good meeting with Abbey and Haylee regarding some Diversity Equity and Inclusion programming with DOSE and Office of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion. These programs will help with recruitment and retention as well as enhancing our campus and extending out in to the community.
- We can focus on women on our campus, a black excellence event, and Come to the Table.
- There has been a shift in terms of DEI, a bigger focus on social justice which includes a greater emphasis on the equity and inclusion part of it.

#### **Don Collins**

- Prayers go out to Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, and Illinois to those who were affected by the tornado destruction.
- Please let police officers know if you are going to be on campus during the break.
- Thanks to those who donated to the Police Department for the children.

#### **Jennifer Parish**

- Commencement will be Thursday, 12/16/2021
- Graduate Dinner is tonight, 12/14/2021
- United Way Campaign Reminder to encourage colleagues to contribute.

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***The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM.***

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