



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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2/02/2022 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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

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#### Dr. Coreil

- Yesterday, there were bomb threats at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) across the country and in Louisiana, Southern University in Baton Rouge and Xavier in New Orleans were targeted. School shootings and bomb threats have to be taken seriously. Updated training is critical. Simulation of an active shooter is the best way to prepare. Chad will work with LSUA Police Department to set up a simulation exercise.
- Missy mentioned she was interested in getting current administrative committee assignments. This will be provided to the entire Campus Community ASAP.
- Successful Educator Rising Conference in the Multipurpose Building with 300+ students. Dr. Duos and other Education faculty members, among others, worked hard to set that up. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to Dr. Cathy Cormier for being awarded as the Healthcare Professional of the Year for 2021-2022 by HOSA (Future Health Professionals) organization. We will send an announcement to the campus to celebrate this recognition. The presentation of this award will be during the opening session of the Louisiana HOSA State Leadership Conference on March 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge.
- Our candidate for Foundation President, Greg Hollback, did not accept our job offer. We will reengage the search committee and take additional steps needed to recruit and identify a person who can take the leadership of the Foundation.
- We have submitted our report for Title IX training. We have a completion rate of 90% for full time employees. Please work to encourage your colleagues to do the required training. The new tracking system will improve our ability to monitor for compliance. There will be financial ramifications for not completing the required training; it is required by the State of Louisiana for all state employees. Ultimately, not completing these training requirements could lead to dismissal.

- Mary Treuting successfully acquired \$100,000 contribution for student scholarships from Daryl Ryland, an LSUA Alum and attorney in Avoyelles Parish. He earned an Associate's degree at LSUA and was a former Student Government President. His interest in giving and letting people know he made this donation is to encourage others in the community who benefited from their education at LSUA to also give back and help students in need. Congratulations Dr. Treuting!
- In 2019, the estimated construction costs for the Student Success Center were about \$8 million; we ultimately asked for \$10 million, and now post COVID, the estimate for construction is now \$11.9 million. We have two options for addressing the increase. We can build a smaller Student Success Center using the funds that we have, or we can ask for more appropriation from the capital outlay funds from the Legislature, or from the Foundation. We have already sent the letter to LSU Facility Planning with guidance from the Governor's office and Division of Administration increasing our request to cover this overage. It will be included in the LSU ask of the legislature for capital outlay. We still hope to be able to break ground later this year if the additional funding can be approved.
- Ft. Polk has reached out to us and I will be meeting with them Monday. They are interested in the Aviation program, Computer Science, and other degrees we offer for active military personnel.
- We are also setting dates for high school visits to address the student body this semester in an attempt to recruit new students from area high schools.

#### **Dr. John Rowan**

- We are going through the proposed class schedules for summer and fall. We are on track for the start of advising and registration.
- We had some success yesterday with fundraising. Our Dean of the College of Social Sciences, Mary Treuting, obtained a \$100,000 endowment for scholarships.
- Thanks for Chad for the job he is doing with Risk Management during this difficult time with COVID.

#### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- The Black History Month Kickoff event last night was well done, thanks to Connie Cooper. The event included musical performances and guest speakers. Please encourage colleagues and students to attend the other Black History Month events this month.
- We have Homecoming Week starting February 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for the Homecoming Court are due tomorrow. There will be a brunch for fac/staff on Friday, February 18 at 10am in the Caffey Ballroom. We will need RSVPs for this event.
- SGA is working with Strat Comms regarding branding on campus in terms of a mural or a structure. We are still looking at getting a live mascot. Abbey will be meeting with another university to review policies and protocol involving the handling of a live mascot.
- Final census numbers will be out Friday. Currently, we are ahead by 6.2%. We are only down 12 on-campus students. Retention of our fall freshman cohort was up a couple of percentage points as well.

- We will have a new Title IX training this year. We are working with LSU and will make it available as soon as we can. The deadline for completion is September, not December. Please make sure your unit is in compliance with that.

#### **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- We are in the final phase of searching for the Director of SPERO position. We are about to make a recommendation to Dr Rowan and Dr Coreil. The quality of candidates was high and we are especially happy with the candidate who came to campus.
- Two of the standards that we have to address in our Compliance certification for SACCS involve the assessment of academic and student support services, and administrative support units. Each of these units have to have some type of assessment processes such as outcomes or desired expectations and then a way to measure them. We have set up 4 training sessions where we will provide examples and explanations of the expectations. The Friday meetings will be in Mulder 145, the two Monday meetings will be in Mulder 220.
- We had a visit from a group of people from ARC and the Director, Duane Urbina. Ten of them came out and we accompanied them around campus on a tour.
- We have 17 students in the Aviation program.
- Many of the emergency response documents are updated in 2020.

#### **Deron Thaxton**

- Not present

#### **Melinda Anderson**

- Foundation in Alexandria will be doing a proposal next week with a potential contribution of nearly one million dollars.
- Dedicating an oak tree in memory of Wally Fall's grandfather who played football and basketball at LSU in the early 1900s. We are getting policies and procedures in place so that we are certain that honorees have been vetted. Coach Fall donated \$5000 and the tree being dedicated is a 30 ft tall mature tree. This will be a great start to developing a program.
- Working with Christus Cabrini and Rapides Regional on the naming of the skills lab in the nursing building. They each contributed \$150,000 to the Fierce for LSUA campaign in exchange for naming rights.
- Working on hosting a donor reception for donors who have contributed over the last few years. We want to connect donors with students who benefit from their contribution.
- Health Care Summit is tomorrow.
- We have 14 professorships available for proposals on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Foundation Board Meeting will be later in the month.
- On March 25, the city of Alexandria will host College Rocks. We are working with CLTCC and LCU to have all the colleges represented.
- Working with Million Air for establishing scholarships for students in the Aviation Program.
- Daryl Ryland, attorney in Avoyelles Parish has committed to a \$100,000 donation thanks to Dr. Coreil and Mary Treuting.

### Adam Lord

- We have kicked off two major marketing campaigns locally and in strategic areas of the state. I met with Deron last week to look at the five year average of enrollments/ applications. We are going to track the parishes that we are marketing in and hopefully see results in the fall.
- We are working closely with Shelly and Abbey for pieces for parents and students through email and postal mail.
- The Brand Guide is in final review status with the SLT and will hopefully be ready by the end of the week.

### Tyler Unsicker

- Finalized with the city of Alexandria to get some youth camps and clinics going on. We are waiting on Mrs. Marvinette to get log in and sign up active. We should be able to start some in March.
- Planning for Red River Athletic Conference basketball tournament is underway. Last year, we had 8 teams in the conference, and this year we have 16. The conference will start on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> with 8 games, 4 games on Monday, and 2 championship games on Tuesday.
- Women's Basketball team has been stronger in conference play. They are in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- Men's Basketball had 5 Home Games in 8 days. They can finish strong at the top of the conference.
- Baseball and Softball will start in the next two weeks, and Tennis has already started.
- This Saturday we are on the road at LCU at 2:00 and 4:00.

### Chad Gauthier

- Statewide, the COVID daily case count is trending down. Hospitalizations statewide are stable but trending downward. As of yesterday, there are almost 2000 people hospitalized statewide due to COVID.
- The numbers of patients on ventilators and reported deaths statewide are increasing, due to deaths and ventilators usually lagging behind case counts.
- On Campus, we report every Thursday.
  - January 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> we had 37 cases on campus.
  - January 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> we had 28 cases on campus.
  - As of today, we have 25 cases on campus. This will likely increase by tomorrow when we report.
- We would like to commend Michelle at Health Center for doing such a great job keeping up with testing, communicating, etc. The Health Center is an amazing asset to have here on campus or our students as well as Faculty and Staff.
- We are still encouraging people to get tested early even with minor symptoms.
- National Guard will be invited once a month for vaccinations for the next few months.

- Vaccinations and Boosters should be considered if you have not yet. Data continues to prove that vaccinations and boosters are keeping people out of the hospital.
- All emergency response documents are on the Safety page on the website.

### **Kevin Vercher**

- Drainage project is moving along. We will be closing the intersection of Acorn Dr. and Thelma Eldridge Dr. later this week, causing University Academy to reroute to Lots 7 and 5. Womack is building a temporary entrance into Lot 7 at the rear of the Student Union in order to access it via Middleton. Day Care drop off will be in the parking lot of Facilities. There will not be any more traffic on the road.
- We are doing road crossings in front of campus, we have 3 left. Then we will start on the rear of campus.
- We are working on plumbing projects, but are mostly completed. We have resolved issues with faucets and flushing.
- There are 2 more projects that are bidding in the next couple weeks. UV lighting in large classrooms will start in mid-March. We are also putting UV lighting in the large air handling units across campus. The 807 demolition is complete downtown. We are moving in to the landscaping phase.
- Getting new roofs on Bolton Library. We had a construction kickoff meeting with roofer last week. Roof is on order but delayed until next year due to supply chain issues. Also getting a new roof at the Brumfield Caffey Annex installed now. New roof on the west wing of the University Center which should start in March.
- Refurbishment of the Oaks is out for bid. We are getting a budget on changing the color of the paint.
- The Student Success Center is close to \$2 million overbudget due to rising costs of construction materials. We met with LSU and we have a plan to move forward.
- Last week we had no maintenance crew due to COVID, but we are back fully staffed.
- Regarding outside lighting on campus, the Quad will keep the original lights unless we see that more lighting is needed after the construction is complete. There will be a new sidewalk and lights behind Abrams.
- We are meeting today with a security contractor to start a plan to get cameras up to date.

### **Melissa Parks**

- Allied Health is working on a report due in October for accreditation for an Associate's in Medical Laboratory Sciences and a self-study report for the Bachelor's in Medical Laboratory Sciences.
- In the Education, we are ready to submit a report on class measures. We will have a virtual visit in March for Class Measures.
- Dr. Joiner met with Rapides Regional Medical Center to discuss the Allied Health building and what will be housed there.
- Dr. Cathy Cormier selected as the 2021-2022 HOSA Health Professional of the Year

### Shelly Gill

- Thanks to Amy Creel and the Testing Center. They have ensured that we have space for Spend the Day at A.
- February 10 at 6 PM, we are invited to go talk to TJH parents.
- Red River Charter in Avoyelles will begin dual enrollment with LSUA next year. They will be bussing students to campus. Later this month, they will have a group of 10<sup>th</sup> graders touring campus.
- We have narrowed down some candidates for the Recruiter position. Two people are coming to give us some presentations and talk to the whole team so that a decision can be made.
- The Director of Admissions and Recruiting Position closes on February 8.
- There has been an increase in the cost of lunches for prospective students on tour at the campus. The cost is 8.50 so lunches will no longer be provided to students on tour of the campus. We will also no longer provide a Starbucks beverage in the afternoon.
- Spend the Day at A will be February 19.
- As far as applications for fall, we are up 13.4%; however, there were some issues with pulling the data so it is probably closer to 15%.
- TJH JAG is coming to campus Friday. 70 students will be on campus, meeting with Mrs. Whittington and touring campus.

### Missy Laborde

- We are working to advise students and get them ready for graduation. Thanks to Andrew Hirschak in the Registrar's Office for assisting with Degree Navigator.
- We are not inviting guest reports for the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting because we have another packed agenda. We had a two-hour meeting last week wading through Courses and Curricula meeting minutes and recommendations. We have several sets of minutes that we need to go through to follow up on suggestions. Guests are welcome to attend; however, we will not be having guest reports.
- We have several international students who are having trouble getting back into the states. They are missing several weeks of class and are limited on the number of online classes they can take. We are concerned about the impact on their grades but are working with them as best as we can.
- We would like an update on administrative committee assignments when you have a chance.
- Hopefully we are doing better on reporting non-attendance. We should hear those numbers soon.

### Jennifer Innerarity

- Thanks to maintenance for replacing the sign on the LSU Cut off Rd.
- Yesterday in Virginia and Minnesota there was 2 school shootings. The one in Virginia was at a small liberal arts college. I would like to see some type of organized response to events like this. It would be beneficial to have coordination with local law enforcement.

### Don Collins

- Not present

### Connie Cooper

- Thanks to Dr. Coreil, senior leadership, faculty and staff for participating in and attending the Black History kickoff event last night. We had more than 80 attendees. The OoDEI will host a panel forum on February 22nd from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM via Zoom. The forum will also be recorded. This is tied to the national Black History Month theme which is Black Health and Wellness. The confirmed panelists are: Joan Walker, MD; Tracey Miller Earl, MSW, LCSW-BACS; Wakanda Mason, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC; Haywood Joiner, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Health and Human Services; and Steven “Mr. 300” Ranel, Certified Master Fitness Trainer. The focus will be on disparities in health and wellness and health for people of color, barriers, value of proper nutrition and exercise, and the importance of routine check-ups and screenings, etc.

### Jennifer Parish

- Farmer’ s Market will be set up on the Magnolia Café Terrace tomorrow from 10-3:00.
- Employee Recognition Save the Date for March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM.**

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