



MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

2/15/2023 1:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Bernard Gallagher, Beth Whittington, Olivia Chatman

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Dr. Paul Coreil

- Effective today, our School of Nursing program will be placed on probation due to low scores in the fall of 2021. Our students pass rate on the NCLEX was below the standard (80%) at that time, but since then, we have had 2 student cohorts that have achieved pass rates above 80%. The low scores correlate directly with COVID-19 when classes had to go virtual. Many other programs saw similar declines as well during COVID. We have reported this to our hospital and clinical partners as well as the legislative delegation and other local partners. This is the first time in LSUA's history that the School of Nursing has been put on probation, but this probation does not affect our accreditation. We remain fully accredited. We fully expect to be taken off probation by this time next year based on the pass rate success we are seeing since COVID pandemic restrictions have been removed.
- Shrimp Jam 2023 – We were successful in getting head coach of LSU baseball, Jay Johnson, to be our guest speaker at the Shrimp Jam in September 2023. Coach Johnson is an amazing coach and will be a major draw for this Important GAA fundraiser.
- We have proposed a tuition and fees increase for our online programs, which has not been approved yet. However, I was on a call with President Tate and he was in support of this increase due to the cost of business going up. With the potential increase, our online programs will still be one of the most affordable among other universities. This proposal does not have to go to the legislators or to the BOS as President Tate has the authority to approve it.
- Due to some miscommunication and awareness issues on campus, we are adding Jerri Weston and Jason Normand to the Cabinet to help with the flow of information. We welcome both to Cabinet.

- Valencia Jones, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, will be our guest speaker at Spring 2023 Commencement on Thursday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum. She will also confer degrees to our graduates.
- The Distinguished Service Award, which is not given out every year, will be given to Roy O. Martin III at commencement. He is the current CEO and CFO of RoyOMartin and is highly worthy of this award.
- Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates (ALFS) will be meeting on campus this weekend and Kimberly Lewis, CFO at LSU, will be there to speak. One of the topics of discussion will be the governors' proposed budget, which she will thoroughly discuss with everyone. She will also discuss strategies for increasing legislative support for higher education and faculty pay.
- The next meeting will be on March 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. John Rowan

- The Alexandria Museum of Art has been recommended for re-accreditation and re-affirmation, so that is exciting news. It won't be official until it goes to the governing board of that association. Congratulations to Catherine Pears and her staff on that accomplishment!
- March 1 – Dr. Beth Palmer will be hosting a Career Fair that will be in the Ballroom 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- April 26 – Students will be presenting their work across campus through posters, PowerPoints and verbal presentations at Scholar Day. Faculty, please encourage your students to get involved.
- Endowed professorship applications have been submitted and we have 14 applications. Presentations will be held all day next Friday, February 24. The winners will be announced on Tuesday, March 28 at Employee Recognition Dinner.
- STARBASE – we have a grant that is helping us set up a relationship with Fort Polk. The facility is still in the works, but it will be absolutely marvelous. We are very fortunate to have Rebecca Foltz overseeing this project.
- Center for the Advancement of Regional Educators (CARE) initiative is a federal grant that was submitted through Congresswoman Julia Letlow. We have been essentially awarded that grant right at the amount of \$1 million dollars. Currently, we are undergoing the process of officially submitting all of the information for that grant. It will allow us to provide the region with more teachers who are certified and qualified to teach.
- Several new programs are being developed, including undergraduate certificates.
- The ad is out for the Dean, College of Health and Human Services position that we hope to have filled by the summer. Dr. Haywood Joiner will continue in that role until the summer when he fully transitions to helping us with the new downtown Health Education Campus.

- By the summer, we hope to have part of our new Technovation Center developed. It will be a cyber lab in Mulder 225.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Howdy Homecoming Week. Please come out and support all of the different events going on this week. Crowning this Saturday.
- Advising opens next week. We are finalizing a graphic: 15 to Finish. The advising period is important for all students to have time to meet with their advisor and discuss classes/plans for next semester before registration opens. This allows more students to register on their day of registration.
- There has been a change in counseling services. The job is posted online.
- Summer and fall housing application is now live online.
- Decision week is March 6-8. This gives departments and colleges an ability to connect with students who are undecided or thinking of changing their major. There is a browse and then “Tank Talks.”

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- SACS –
 - Continuing to write up SACS standards.
 - Student Achievement Standard: To meet that standard, we have to publish information on our website with regard to how our students are performing in a variety of areas. All of this information was submitted 2 years ago during the interim report, but Scott and I have been updating it. You can find it on our website on the homepage under the about section, a link with student achievement will appear. It is very useful data that has to be published for SACS, but it could potentially help faculty members who may need that information as well.
 - I have been writing a special report to SACS for our Rad Tech program, which is currently on probation. The report requires that we write about how this issue has been addressed.
- AVIATION –
 - Yesterday, I met with England Airpark to discuss the simulator, which will be launching soon to our students.
 - Two of our private pilot students are scheduled to take their check ride, which will make them the first students to earn their private pilot’s license at LSUA.

Deron Thaxton

- The architect submitted our building plans to Facilities Planning last week, which puts us in the review stage. Once Facilities Planning finishes reviewing, the project will go to bid.

- WORKDAY – LSU and LSUE are going to be the first two schools for implementation and then LSUS and LSUA will follow after. This will include major changes for all areas, so I want you to all be aware.
- The LSU system did a complete IT audit of policies across all schools 2 years ago. Many of those implementations of those policies were put on hold due to Workday and COVID. However, they have since circled back to working on those policies. We will be reviewing and updating policies with IET.
- We will begin working on next year’s budget. Currently, I am finalizing the budget spreadsheet and updating salary raises across the board.
- The request of tuition increase for online programs is moving forward with the support of LSU. Once we have definitive information on that increase, it will come out publicly.
- On Friday, the board of Supervisors met and the proposal of the new dining contract was approved after much discussion and it will go into place July 1, 2023.

Melinda Anderson

- Annual Report is out and hot of the press KUDOS to Strat. Comm. for an excellent job.
- Everyone please send your report/notes to Olivia from each cabinet meeting.
- Attended the 761st Battalion Commencement Ceremony – amazing story of unreported all black battalion that fought under Gen. Patton.
- Attended the Feb 10th Board of Supervisors meeting with Dr. Coreil in Baton Rouge
- We are doing a short impact video with local leaders in healthcare, chamber and City of Alexandria for the downtown LSUA Health Education Campus. Thanks to Nathan and Adam for helping to facilitate this project. Should be impactful when approaching and working with legislators and private funding sources.
- LSUA/LSU “Upon Adjournment” Reception – April 10
- Cenla Day at the Legislature – April 18
- LSU Day at the Legislature – April 19
- Board of Supervisors arrival in Alexandria – April 20
- Martin Family Student Success Center Groundbreaking – April 21 at 9am
- Board of Supervisors Board Meeting on campus – April 21 at 10am
- ERD planning – great committee work.
- Bolton Oak dedication – March 7 at 3pm
- Mulder Day – March 11
- Chamber LABI Luncheon – March 15
- Manna House service opportunity – March 31

Adam Lord

- Please strongly encourage our campus and academic units to utilize Canva, our design services when designing a graphic for social media or campus wide emails. It is our goal to stay on brand with all graphics and the graphics that have gone out the last couple of weeks have been quite the opposite. If you have any questions, please contact Chase and I.
- New flag banners will be going up on the light poles around campus and will have different pictures of our students on them.
- The new annual magazine is now available online! I will send a full facstaff email with the link, but for now, you can read the magazine at www.lsu.edu/magazine.

Tyler Unsicker

- Hosted 2 Softball tournaments that went well
- The week of Feb 26-28 Hosting RRAC Basketball Tournament with 16 teams, Tennis Tournament 18 teams and hosting home baseball vs. LCU
- Thanking everyone for their support of LSUA Athletics

Don Collins

- We had some visitors last week on campus operating under their First Amendment right to the Freedom of speech. Those visitors were attempting to recruit more likeminded people to be foot soldiers for their cause. However, they were met with resistance due to what they were promoting seemed to be based on hate rather than on love.
- The weather as related to campus for this week has us under a slight risk, although we can't predict what mother nature actually does.

Shelly Gill

- Application report is trending higher than last year.
- Spend the Day at A is this Saturday. We are expecting 100 students plus parents and LSUA support personnel to be here.
- The finalists for the Mulder Scholarship have been selected. Thank you to John and Kelly for reading essays and helping to select finalists.
- Thank you to all Deans for working with our department on development of consistently offered online courses for DE.
- Planning Admitted Student Day – first ever that will be held on March 31. Stay tuned for more information shortly.

Chad Gauthier

- COVID:
 - Only 2 parishes in the state with high community levels; Rapides is currently at a low community level.
 - Last week, we had 4 cases on campus, this week we have 3 so far.
- WEATHER:
 - Slight to marginal risk for severe weather tonight and tomorrow. As always, we recommend keeping an eye out on weather and reports.
- FACILITIES:
 - Many projects both large and small.
 - Science 108 is wrapping up.
 - Electrical projects at Foundation and 318 Burger.
 - Lots of ground work at 318 Burger.
- SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT:
 - Quarterly Safety Newsletter should go out this week. Please read and respond.

Connie Cooper

- An estimated 199 individuals attended the 29th Annual Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon and we sold 10 tables. Thanked the LSUA Foundation team. Alexandria Mayor Jacques Roy, Pineville Mayor Rich Dupree, LA House Representative, Monica Doss with the District Attorney's office and other notable guests were in attendance. Great speaker and entertainment.
- Trained 49 Walker Automotive managers and supervisors.
- Presented to 15 LEAD Louisiana members.
- Giving Black History Month Essay awards to Arthur F. Smith Students this week and promote LSUA.
- OoDEI participating in Spend the Day at A on Saturday, February 18.

Kelly Pepper

- The LSUA Foundation Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, at the Live Oaks Conference Room.
- The Black History Luncheon that benefits the Ebony Scholarship raised approximately \$4,500. A final total of dollars raised will be reported once all donations are confirmed for designation.
- LSUA Giving Day is March 29, 2023. Materials to assist with online giving will be sent to the Cabinet in March. We encourage you to share this giving opportunity with your professional and personal network.

- LSUA Foundation Homecoming Tailgate is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m.
- Shrimp Jam is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, at the Randolph River Center - keynote will be LSU Baseball Coach Jay Johnson.
- The Foundation team would like to thank the Facilities and IT teams for their help this week with our electrical challenges in our space.

Dr. Bernard Gallagher

- February 25 – Kimberly Lewis, CFO of LSU, will be on campus discussing finances, pay and how it affects us. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.
- Cavanaugh Lecture – Dr. Alecia Long, LSU Professor of History, will be presenting her lecture, “The Trouble with Tight Pants: Jim Garrison, Clay Shaw, and Claims of a New Orleans-Based Conspiracy in the Kennedy Assassination” at the Westside Regional Library at 6:30 p.m.
- Reports have been made to me about ChatGPT, which can generate essays. This should be a concern of ours because it is easily accessible and students are using this generator at many other universities. My recommendation would be to add something to PS 228 in the academic integrity report that would identify using ChatGPT as a violation of LSUA’s Honor Code.

Beth Whittington

- TECHNOVATION COMMITTEE:
 - They have been visible with robotics, drones, and Math Count activities.
 - They are very thankful for the administrative support and wish to especially thank Facility Services, the Athletic Department, and IET for doing a phenomenal job of support with events.
 - There are a number of upcoming events. Volunteers are always needed.
 - We have 4 cybersecurity interns working with Ingels (not sure of spelling) during the second session and a possible internship with Louisiana State Police and a student dealing with drones.

Olivia Chatman

- Thursday, February 16 – Cooking with Coreil in the Ballroom 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
