



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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3/15/2023 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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

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#### **Dr. Paul Coreil**

- Next week I will be out of the office as I am the chair of the search committee for the Vice President of Agriculture and Dean of Agriculture position at LSU. I will still be working from my laptop at LSU if anyone needs to reach me through email.
- Reminder to please take the QEP survey that has been sent out. It is important that we receive your feedback.
- Online tuition increase will go into effect this summer and it will allow for campus investment funding as well as needed faculty and staff salary equity and compression adjustments.
- LSU and Dr. Tate Scholarship First State tour took place on Monday, March 13. There was a press conference held at the LSU Original Site in Pineville. I want to thank facilities for helping set up the site and for making sure everything was taken care of. There was full coverage from the media, which was great.
- April 21 – Groundbreaking for *Martin Family Student Success Center* followed by Board of Supervisors board meeting. Melinda received confirmation that Governor John Bel Edwards will be attending our groundbreaking that morning.
- Economic impact of LSUA has just been published from a study done by LSU economists. They found that LSUA contributes \$109.1 million to Louisiana's economy resulting in 857 jobs. Link to press release: [LSUA Economic Impact](#)
- Friday, March 17 – The LSUA Legislative Update Breakfast will take place at 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Our focus will be heavily geared toward the Health Education Campus, but we will update them on all things happening at LSUA and what we are hoping to see in the future needing legislative support.

- Dr. Haywood Joiner is stepping away from his position as Dean of the College of Health and Human Services in order to put all of his focus on the Health Education Campus project. The Dean position has been nationally advertised and a search committee has been named to find a new Dean.
- On June 30, Stephen Wright will be stepping down as Chair of the LSUA Foundation and his successor will be Glenda Stock Smith. We thank Stephen for his outstanding service to our university and look forward to working with Glenda as she assumes the chair position.
- Continuing to promote opportunities both online and on-campus. The goal is always to meet our student's needs. We are working with the deans to make sure that all opportunities (both on campus and online) for our students are made available to them.
- The next meeting will be on March 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Dr. Elizabeth Beard**

- Our QEP team led by Dr. Rob Wright and Dr. Cheryl Bardales will host a kick-off focus group for faculty on April 4. Watch for more information. The team has sent out a survey for faculty and staff input and will send one for students after spring break. Please participate in this important survey and encourage campus-wide input. Cheri and Rob are also holding informal QEP discussions on Friday mornings at 7:30 in the cafe. Stop by if you'd like to chat about our QEP!
- CORE Director applications are open through Friday, March 17.
- Construction on the new Cybersecurity Lab in Mulder 225. Plans for the Technovation Center are being firmed up. Academic units are encouraged to make explicit curricular ties to technovation, such as digital humanities, data analytics, etc.
- The LSU System Chief Academic Officers (provosts from all 8 LSU system schools) met last Friday, convened by LSU Provost Roy Haggerty. Items for discussion included updates on campus Meauxmentum Plans, conducting a discussion of post-tenure review policies and preparing a system stance on that topic, and the President's bus tour throughout Louisiana. The provost's circle will also have the opportunity to participate in an SEC-wide forum on Generative Artificial Intelligence on April 14.
- Academic units are reviewing policy statements to make recommendations for updates and revisions as needed. The Deans' Council is specifically reviewing policies regarding faculty evaluations and appointment of chairs, directors, and deans.
- Academics has worked with Shelly and Charlene to firm up a consistent rotation of 16-week, online courses set primarily for our dual enrollment students. This plan will help us ensure consistency and quality and provide the best learning experience possible for our DE students.

### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- Counselor search is in the final stages. We hope to have somebody hired soon.
- PS 207 review is in progress with the Ad Hoc committee. We are still in the process of gathering input from the committee but it appears so far that we are on the same page to work more efficiently and shorten the process for students.
- Registration opens on Monday. The Office of the Registrar and Advising are coordinating communication to remind students. Students should be getting advised now to add their classes to their cart.
- Crisis Management Team is something we want to compose to better identify students of concern to campus. This will most likely include Abbey Bain, counseling, police, risk management, nurse practitioner, and others as necessary to make sure we are communicating and working together.
- Generals Jam and Boil tickets **MUST** be purchased ahead of time.
- Housing application is now open. We are also going invest in more grounds and curb appeal this spring/summer.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> is a campus cleanup day hosted by SG. Please make sure to also participate.
- Tori East will now be the Cheer coach and sponsor
- Code of Conduct review with the updates to behavioral misconduct. Dr. Gallagher noted that academic affairs section needed to be reviewed to have adequate faculty representation on the committee to review those cases. The Cabinet voted and approved the behavioral misconduct section and agreed to review the academic misconduct section.

### **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- SPERO –
  - The SPERO program was awarded \$80,000 of the one-million-dollar fund established by the Louisiana Legislature (ACT 682) last year to fund programs for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities. We had submitted the application for funding to the Board of Regents in early January.
  - In January we had also submitted an application to USDOE for approval of SPERO as a Comprehensive Transition Program, a federal designation that will result in program students being eligible for federal financial aid. If approved, students will also be eligible for Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) funding. Currently, the parents of the SPERO students are paying the program fee out-of-pocket. We are fairly confident that the application to USDOE will be approved soon.
- AVIATION –
  - I've been developing new marketing materials in preparation for the upcoming Open House for prospective Aviation students. The event will be held at the Million Air building on the grounds of England Airpark from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on April 27.

- The summer aviation course schedule includes *AVIA 1020 Introduction to Aerospace*, a course open to all students who wish to acquire general knowledge of aviation and learn about career opportunities in the field. The course will be taught by Ms. Shari Drerup.
- Continuing to work on writing our responses to the SACSCOC compliance standards.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- BUDGET –
  - Yesterday, several of us met to go through budgets for next year and it was a good meeting, but there are more follow-up discussions to be had.
  - We received our first projections of state appropriations yesterday evening for fiscal year 2024. Our breakdown includes: 4% faculty increases and \$6,000 per officer increase for campus police and public safety. This is the first initial draft, so it still needs to make it through the entire session and have the Governor's signature, but it is a good starting place. As of now, there has been no salary increase for staff, but that will be covered internally.
  - Our overall increase for the year projection is up \$800,000 over last year for state appropriation.
  - All of the schools in the LSU system total increase of state appropriations is \$47 million dollars. Every school had an increase with the exception of LSUS who had a \$1.8 million dollar decrease.
  - We have approval of our online tuition increase and it will go into effect this summer. This will help us with those much-needed salary increases.
- MARTIN FAMILY STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER –
  - Building time has been set at 365 days.
  - Estimated electrical equipment lead time is up to 2 years. We are working to try and cut that wait time as much as possible.
  - A significant number of IET related policies will be brought to Cabinet over the next 6 months for review. There is a permanent memorandum (PM-36) that governs IET across all schools. About 2 years ago, there was a PM-36 audit and as a result of that, we had to put all of these policies that truly govern IET in place. With that, some of it is simply documenting what we do and some of it is changes in how we do business. Be on the lookout for those to be sent prior to our meetings so that we can discuss.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- LSU and Dr. Tate Scholarship First State tour – assisted with Monday's Press Conference at Original LSU site, check-in at Hotel Bentley and Tuesday night reception at RoyOMartin
- Headquarters, and Wednesday morning breakfast at Lea's in Lecompte. Central LA was very fortunate to have wide coverage during this statewide tour.

- Legislative Breakfast will be Friday morning here on campus. Thanks to Nathan and Adam for producing a great video in support of downtown healthcare site.
- I did receive confirmation that Governor John Bel Edwards will be attending our groundbreaking on April 21!
- Employee Recognition Dinner planning on-going.
- Bolton Oak Tree dedication was a great event. Thanks to all who attended. The Bolton Family was very pleased.
- Mulder Day interviews this past Saturday were wonderful. Thanks to Shelly Gill for her awesome work on this. Top notch students!

### **Adam Lord**

- Met with Rob Wright and Cheryl Bardales on plans to roll out QEP process
- Meeting with various campus units on a LOT of upcoming projects, including: Faculty Recognition, Giving Day, Spring Commencement, and more
- Nathan JUST finished the first draft of our first public-facing video to build awareness and support for the Health Education Campus in Downtown
- This is for Liz and Eamon; Chase was able to provide new step-and-repeat pop-up walls for each academic College...they are in!
- Wrapping up two days of helping LSU launch their Scholarship First state-wide tour. Huge compliment from Dr. Tate's team that LSUA is the one campus that always has our act together!

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Partnering with City of Alexandria for free youth clinics in April and May
- Successfully hosted the first and second rounds of the Men's and Women's NAIA Basketball tournament
- Team updates:
  - Baseball - middle of the conference
  - Softball - big win yesterday at TAMUT
  - Tennis - a couple top 10 wins the last couple weeks.

### **Don Collins**

- We are currently interviewing potential officers and hope to get some of those hired.
- The Birchwood Apartments, which is next door to the Evacuation Center, had a fire on the second floor yesterday evening. We had one of our basketball players living next door to the apartment that had caught on fire, but he is okay.

## **Shelly Gill**

Thank you to all who assisted with Mulder Scholar Day: Dr. Coreil, Deron Thaxton, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Melinda Anderson, Shere' Thaxton, C. Bardales, L. Purdy, J Lei, A Starks, Dr. Freidman, Jerri Weston.

- Upcoming events:
  - March 31 – Admitted Student Day
  - May 4 – Luncheon for local Tribal Leaders'
- Admissions Report is very healthy. We have also admitted more students than this time last year.
- Spring enrollment, at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session and ELearn 2 is 4188. Compared to 3861. This is 8.4% increase.
- Madeline Mayeux has resigned as Admission Counselor. We are looking to hire her replacement.
- Yield is the name of the game this time of year.
- Meeting with the City of Alexandria after lunch today to talk about joint educational endeavors.

## **Chad Gauthier**

- COVID –
  - Rapides and surrounding parishes remain at a low community level.
  - Last week, we had 1 case on campus, this week we have 1 so far.
- WEATHER –
  - Weather event tomorrow night and into Friday.
  - As always, we recommend keeping an eye out on weather and reports.
- FACILITY SERVICES –
  - Many projects both large and small.
  - Completed hanging new banners across campus. Chase will give it a final walkthrough.
  - Work began in CyberLab in Mulder
  - Still working on becoming a Bee Campus
  - New employees will begin next week in grounds and custodian services.
  - Bee campus initiative
- RISK MANAGEMENT –
  - Attended a webinar on Mass Attacks in Public Spaces. Please stay vigilant in classroom.

## **Connie Cooper**

- Developing a Land Acknowledgement and Labor Acknowledgement. Will have a draft to present at the next Cabinet meeting. The statements will live on the OoDEI website. This

is connected to the pipeline for recruitment and retention initiative. We're also creating a task force to support these efforts.

- Hosting a Tribal Luncheon on May 4th at LSUA.
- Diversity training for 2023 will drop in April. Will work with IET to update registration on the OoDEI website. Topics are Microaggressions taught by Dr. Bardales and Stereotypes taught by Ethan Lipsey.
- Developing and launching the new BWEI and BMEI initiatives to support creating a pipeline for students from underrepresented students.

### **Kelly Pepper**

- The AMOA board meeting is scheduled for March 20, and the GAA board meeting is on March 21. Please let us know if you have any information or business for the board. The next LSUA Foundation board meeting is May 18, and a retreat will follow the meeting that includes SLT, Deans, and leadership of the AMoA and GAA.
- Ambassador for LSUA on Giving Day – March 29, 2023, will receive an email update next week with sample graphics and videos for the campaign and a schedule.
- We sincerely appreciate your help in reaching our \$5,000 goal for LSUA Giving Day 2023.

### **Jason Normand**

- Policies for IET are being reviewed and updated. We are still working on drafts for PM-36 and it will be a slow process due to the small size of our department and the way some of the items will need to be implemented.

### **Jerri Weston**

- COMMENCEMENT –
  - 397 Total Degree Candidates
  - 282 Bachelor Degrees
  - 79 Associate Degrees
  - 28 Post Baccalaureate Certificates
  - 8 Pharmacy Tech Certificates
  - 4 students will receive 2 degrees, of the 282 bachelor degree students 30 of them are also completing minors. 401 degrees will be awarded.
- We have created a transfer equivalency table that will help with advising and help transfer students to know how their classes will be transferred over. It will be located on the Registrar homepage and Admissions under Transfer students.  
Link: <https://transferpolicy.lsu.edu/transferpolicy>
- Registration begins next week and we will begin our email messaging campaign.

### **Dr. Bernard Gallagher**

- CAVANAUGH LECTURES:
  - March 30 at 6:30 PM at the Westside Regional Library – Michael Wynne “There’s Always Another Story: A History of Lynchings in Central Louisiana”
  - April 14 at 6:30 PM at the Westside Regional Library – Julie Kane (former Poet Laureate of Louisiana) “Reading Her Poetry” Yet to be titled
  - April 15 at 10:00 AM at the main branch of Rapides Parish Library – Julie Kane (former Poet Laureate of Louisiana) Poetry Writing Workshop
- Submissions for Verbatim are coming in and we are getting ready to set up our website.
- Play on April 14-16 Revolutionists in Richard Gwartney Theater

### **Beth Whittington**

- Some faculty are involved in the Board of Regents’ initiative of Strategic Pathways. This is to be completed by April 7. I am chairing the Criminal Justice statewide committee.
- The Ad-Hoc Committee on revisions on PS 202 and 202(B) is progressing and should be completed by the end of the semester.

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman*

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**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

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