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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

3/30/2022 10:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Jennifer Parish, Melissa Parks, Donald Collins, Connie Cooper, Kevin Vercher, Missy Laborde, Laura Fowler

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Dr. Coreil

- Since Connie Cooper was hired, she has been reporting to Dr. Rowan in Academic Affairs. However, due to her work in diversity, equity, and inclusion becoming more campus and community-wide, she will begin reporting to the Chancellor immediately. Connie has been doing a really good job developing a strong Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Team (DEILT), developing an LSUA DEI Roadmap and offering required DEI training to all faculty and staff. It is very important for our faculty, staff and student population to reflect the diversity of our Alexandria and regional community....so Connie will continue helping us make improvements in these areas.
- We are moving forward with the Campus Edge project and talking to developers now. However, I did receive a call from a community member who is not in support of the new developments being discussed for the golf course. The project is worth pursuing because the golf course at this point is not providing any major assets vital to the primary mission of the university. We believe that the use of the site as a golf course is not the highest and best use. We have had universal agreement from our Foundation board members supporting the development of the site for retail amenities and businesses that will help us with student, faculty and staff quality of life and retention. . Many golf courses are closing across the United States due to bankruptcy. We have just opened the Disc Golf Course which we do hope will be utilized by our campus community.
- The Employee Recognition Dinner went well last night. Congratulations to all the recipients. Chartwells did a great job with the dinner. Everyone seemed to enjoy being able to gather without the COVID issues.
- High School visits are continuing. We visited Peabody High School earlier this week and will be visiting Avoyelles High School next. We hope to make these a yearly event. These visits will help students look at LSUA in a different way. They will see that we are reaching out to their schools and personally inviting them to consider attending LSUA.

- LSUA Legislative Reception at the Pentagon barracks in conjunction with the LSU system is on April 18th. We will show our appreciation to legislators for their support of the Student Success Center, faculty pay raises, and deferred maintenance.
- At the Appropriations Committee, Dr. Tate presented his Scholarship First plan and he is getting a good reception on his five-point “Pentagon” plan. In response to challenges from North Louisiana legislators about having additional cyber security programs in south Louisiana, Dr, Tate explained that cyber security is a world-wide issue and we cannot afford to have just one geographic focus area. We need to do something in south Louisiana as well.

Dr. John Rowan

- Congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of awards last night at the Employee Recognition Dinner.
- Last Saturday we hosted a meeting of the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates. There was a good discussion including strategies for working across the university and the current status tenure. Christoph Stumpf presented to the other faculty senate members about tenure and post-tenure review. We are keeping an eye on this due to many states trying to limit tenure. The entire LSU system strongly support tenure.
- Over the next several weeks, we will have several campus presentations. The first candidate for Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engaged Teaching and Learning presentation is tomorrow, and Friday is the first presentation by a candidate for Vice Chancellor of Holistic Learning and Career Development. Please watch for more announcements and feel free to share feedback.
- We are continuing to reach out and develop new articulation agreements with community colleges, especially with Business and the new BAAS degree (Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences). We have one scheduled for tomorrow with CLTCC and one scheduled for April 7 at Fletcher Technical Community College.
- Eamon is not here. He is in rehearsal for the production “Waiting for Godot” which opens tomorrow night. The show is directed by a student.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- We’ve notified residents regarding predicted severe weather. Meals will still be provided. There will be modified hours for the Clubhouse from 11-3:00, but the on-call phone is active for anyone in need. Caleb is also there.
- Registration opened this week. Seniors started on Monday. There have been a few kinks but we are working with IET and Jerri to smooth those over. New admits will start advising next week.
- April 7 is Generals Jam. Must prepurchase tickets. We are not selling tickets on the day of the program.
- Shelly is out today because she is in a Workday Discovery meeting and those will continue for the next 4 weeks. It is a huge investment and is taxing on our schedules. Jason, Jerri, Jeff, Shelly, and I will all be participating in these sessions. Please be patient with us as we proceed through this process to implement the new CRM.

Shelly Gill

- Trenton Brownlee has been hired as the new DE Coordinator. His first day was Monday, March 28.
- We now have an open Recruiter/Admissions Counselor. If anyone knows a past or current graduate that may be interested, please encourage them to apply.
- Together Tuesdays is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12. Shelly sent an email with outstanding schools – we would like to be at EACH school. If you haven't signed up, please do so and encourage your staff and other faculty to sign up for a school. I am challenging the Cabinet to have 100% participation.
- LSUA will be participating in the Rapides Parish School Board's Job Fair for upcoming high school graduates on March 31st.
- We are attending many transfer fairs this month at community colleges around the state.
- Dual Enrollment Registration begins April 11.
- Josh Perrodin begins work on April 12.
- Workday Discovery is scheduled for the next 4 weeks – Shelly will be tied up most of this time.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Not Present

Deron Thaxton

- Workday implementation will be taxing for the next 2 years while implement Workday Student. We are currently in the discovery stage, outlining how the campus operates, needed features, etc. Then we will be involved during LSU and LSUE's implementation so that we can be a part of decision-making. They will go live in late 2024. We must be involved and set it up in a way that is beneficial for us.
- New road closures: Grady Britt will be closed off of HWY 71. They will begin construction on the north roundabout within the next few days. Grady Brit will reopen from the library down to Coughlin Hall. The small lots in front of Chambers will be permanently closed as they widen the road and remove the parking lot. The only access to Lot 1 will be from HWY 3170. Middleton's new entrance way is shaping up. There are large columns with towers lining the drive have been poured. Trees have been removed to open up the entrance into campus.
- We have received all but the signatures in terms of confirmation of receiving the additional funding for the Student Success Center. We will hopefully have kickoff by the fall. Timing will be perfect; as soon as drainage project ends, construction on the Student Success Center will begin. They will begin pouring the parking lot for it soon. Thelma Ethridge Rd. will reopen, as well as Lot 5 which will give better access to the Children's Center.
- There has been a report of someone from LSUA picking up some cubicles from Realtor, Ben Smith. He said that he had 33 available and someone came in and said that LSUA is putting in a new resource center and would need all of the cubicles. They picked up 6 of them and Mr. Smith needs the rest of them gone as soon as possible. We do not know who it is that is asking for these. Will check with Tara Smith at the AgCenter to see if she knows anything about it.

Melinda Anderson

- On Monday, we will announce the Mulder Scholar from Tioga High School. Adam, Dr. Coreil, and Shelly, if she is available, will attend the Awards Ceremony.
- I am working with Foundation member, Stephen Wright, on some interviews.
- Cenla Day at the Legislature is April 13th
- We are also doing a legislative reception on Monday, April 18th in Baton Rouge with LSU.
- April 20th is LSU Day at the Legislature at the capitol.
- Working with Wally Fall and the commemorative tree on some signage.
- Thanks to Jennifer and Laura for their work on the Employee Recognition Dinner.

Adam Lord

- Will be with Dr Coreil at the 2+2 agreement with CLTCC tomorrow
- Will have information coming out soon about a Nursing Grant from Rapides Foundation
- General's Jam is coming soon
- We have two Chemistry students who are receiving appointments for summer research as undergraduates at Texas A &M and Cincinnati.
- We also have a student who is a current APD officer. He earned his Associates Degree in the 1990's and is now completing his Bachelor's in Criminal Justice.
- Brand guide is posted on website.
- Quarterly Report is coming out soon.

Tyler Unsicker

- Monday, April 25th at Coughlin Auditorium will be an end of year awards show for our athletes.
- Jennifer Innerarity suggested advertising in Avoyelles Parish for the fundraiser golf tournament.
- Fundraiser Golf Tournament is coming up on April 29th.

Chad Gauthier

- There was a period where we were not even considering closing, but the forecast for the last 24 hours increased the chance for severe weather. The line is moving a little slower, and the high-risk zone moved a little to the northeast, taking part of Rapides Parish out of it. If anything, there is a very slight improvement over last night but severe rating is 4/5 as far as tornadic activity and damaging winds go.

Kevin Vercher

- We are checking to make sure everything is tied down in preparation for the severe weather.

Melissa Parks

- CLAHEC (Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center) has received a workforce grant to develop and implement a summer program for junior high and high school students who are interested in health care professions. CLAHEC will work in collaboration with the College of Health and Human Services. Meetings should start in the next two weeks or so.

Missy Laborde

- Faculty Senate met yesterday. We are lining out how to handle the bylaws vote. At the last All-Campus meeting three people voiced some concerns. We reached out to LSU about having the Ombudsperson attend the All-Campus Meeting on April 12th. The ombudsperson from LSU services all the LSU campuses and is not a mandatory reporter. So, all concerns can be shared anonymously.
- Next month we will be electing new Senate leadership.
- We did not approve the two last travel dates for the Chancellor's Travel Fund because it will fall to the next fiscal year leadership. Dr. Rowan will be working to secure funding. Deron suggested allocating the funds from the next fiscal year. Jennifer Innerarity added that many of these conferences are last minute so it is difficult to plan ahead for the funding from fall to spring. Please let Dr. Rowan know when the issue happens so we can look at the options.
- Will we be able to have some of the funding available to the colleges? Per Deron, travel has been drastically cut but priorities have been filling vacancies and adding positions. Travel Funds are allotted for faculty, but none is available for staff unless they pull funds from their departmental funds.

Jennifer Innerarity

- Thanks to all who planned the ERD. It was nice to be together again. The food was great.

Don Collins

- I am sending out an advisory to students limiting movement from 11:00 AM -5:00 PM today during the high-risk time period for severe weather.

Connie Cooper

- 38 full time employees attended the spring Diversity 101 training yesterday so we are close to 100% participation. This will serve us well in our goal of 5,000 students by 2025. We know that as new classes come in, they are going to look a lot different than they do right now. It is important to get everyone trained on DEI and social justice so that we as a university are prepared to receive them and meet their needs.

Jennifer Parish

- All Campus Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th from 3:00-4:15 at Coughlin Auditorium. Invitations will go out this week.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Parish.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 14th, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
