



MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

4/14/2022 9:00 AM | *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, Jennifer Parish, Melissa Parks, Shelly Gill, Connie Cooper, Kevin Vercher, Missy Laborde, Laura Fowler

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Dr. Coreil

- We have some great opportunities to enhance programs on campus across all Colleges. External funding has become an integral part of innovation and program development on most university campuses. We are more than capable of responding to these opportunities.
- The Lobbying firms for LSU has stepped up their connection to other LSU campuses and are looking at federal funding for the next round of community projects for funding. We plan to submit a Community Project Proposal through our Federal lobbying firm Adams & Reese.
- There is preliminary discussion about considering a fire station on campus. We will have more discussion in the near future.
- Together Tuesday at many Rapides Parish K-12 public schools was very impactful. The principal at THS allowed me to address the entire High School student body at their awards program. LSUA was the only university in attendance.
- Connie Cooper's reporting line now aligns with the Chancellor's Office since many of the issues that she works with impacts the entire campus, not just Academic Programs. This change is effective immediately and a new LSUA Organizational Chart will be sent out to the entire campus this week with all changes and additions included.
- We do have one finalist for the Foundation President position. She will be here for a second visit on May 2nd where she will meet with the LSUA College Deans, SLT and members of the Foundation Board.
- Our commencement speaker will be Stephen Wright. Remy Starnes, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, will confer degrees. Rev. Larry Turner will be giving the invocation and benediction at commencement.
- Regarding Mandatory Training, those who did not do training last year will not be eligible for merit increases this year.

Dr. John Rowan

- The Dept. of Education will be elevated to the School of Education, effective July 1. Kinesiology is part of that unit and is doing really good things; thanks to Professor Melissa Parks and her colleagues.
- Our Annual Scholar Day will be on May 4th. Well over 100 students will present their research. We will also hear from Faculty during lunch.
- I have added a section to the Academic Affairs webpage with links to news articles regarding higher education.
- We have the final candidate today for the AVC position in Holistic Education and Career Development. She will be presenting at 1:30.
- If everything goes well, we will have 11 new faculty members next year.
- I sent to some of you some links to BOR webinars that they are having this week. This lets us know about statewide academic policies.
- I have submitted two proposals for federal funding through the office of Congresswoman Julia Letlow. Thanks to Eamon Halpin for gathering information on SPERO, and Arlene Duos and Dr. Joiner for the Education information needed. Also, Chancey Slider has been very helpful in getting all of this together.
- The more LSUA gets involved in grants, the more people are coming to us with opportunities.
- We have faculty involved in building our arts programs (chorus, drumline), and we are also interviewing for an endowed chair in the arts.

Deron Thaxton

- Workday implementation training is taking a large amount of time for my staff and Abbey's staff. When we go live in 2025 it will change the way we do business in many areas.
- Drainage Project is getting close to end stages. There will be a tower in the center of the circle drive. It will take many of the elements of the new Student Center. The purple mesh element may be more of a black or grey due to maintenance of the color. This will be a substantial entrance into campus.
- Campus Edge project developments include a couple of developers who are interested in leasing the entire block as soon as possible. We plan to have an item on the Board of Supervisors agenda in June with an intent to lease. Then we would go into an RFP with developers. Then award the bid in September or October timeframe.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Daniel sent out the Title IX training. It is due September 30. Save the certificate as a PDF.
- We are pushing registration at this time. Jerri is sending emails to students who have not registered, have classes in carts, etc. We are on target compared to this time last year.
- Ms. LSUA is April 21st. We have 5 contestants.
- We are working on a mural project on campus, hopefully this summer. This will incorporate the arts and campus beautification. Adam is working on getting some quotes. SGA is spearheading the project.

- Missy recommended contacting Catherine Pears concerning public funding of arts.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Julia Letlow secured federal dollars for SPERO but there is also state funding potential. Senator Gerald Boudreaux has sponsored a bill that would allocate 1 million dollars to existing programs as well as new programs. The Senate Finance Committee will meet to vote on the bill (SB 192). I will be attending along with Melva Villard, Penny Smith, and our new Director Brittany Soden.
- We are receiving applications at this time. Also LSUA students may apply for the student mentor position.
- Aviation Program has generated daily phone calls regarding fall enrollment in the program. We are building the second cohort.
- Melissa has been told that there is a shortage of sports officials in the state. We could provide training and certification to fill the void. We could create a shorter program to address the need.
- I was in a school play and it reminded me about the importance of Theater Arts. Students can learn valuable skills by participating in the production. They learn communication skills, responsibility, punctuality, etc. that will benefit them in the future. We are about to fill our Endowed Chair for the Arts but I feel that we can really expand our theater program.
- We are doing a panel in the Black Box Theater from 3-4:00, for the play, "Waiting for Godot."

Melinda Anderson

- We have 2 new full scholarships that pay full tuition and fees: 1 for Clinical Nursing and 1 for AEH/ Sciences
- Stephen Wright is confirmed as our commencement speaker for May.
- GAA Golf Tournament is doing well. There are about 12 teams signed up. Tyler and Tori doing a great job.
- Annie Collins is developing a glass recycling program. LSUA will be involved in community service there.
- Legislative Reception will be held on April 18th at the Pentagon Barracks in Baton Rouge next to the Capitol. LSU is teaming up with regional campuses to host legislators. WE have invited the Cenla delegation to attend.
- April 20th is Cenla Day at the Capital, as well as LSU Day. We hope to set up something with aviation to set up a flight simulator.
- We have a potential donor for an Ag scholarship; this is still in the discussion phase.
- We are in the process of setting meetings with entities in the healthcare industry to further assist the workforce needs in nursing and allied health.
- We are continuing to work with the City of Alexandria to cultivate a relationship and opportunities that are beneficial to LSUA.

Adam Lord

- Thanks to Shelly and Abbey for working with us on our video series. We are working with Kel Bonton who has done some fantastic work on this project.
- March report shows that we got over 6000 page views specifically from redirects from our online marketing campaign. We will have monthly reports.
- April is a huge month for us for marketing through the Advocate. We have ads running for Nursing, Allied Health, Education, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Aviation, Accounting, and Comm Studies.
- Chase and I are working through our budget for next fiscal year. We will be having conversations with other people outside of Strat Comms for ad options.
- We have a semi-permanent space in Mulder on Mondays from 3-4:30 in 159 Mulder for headshots.

Tyler Unsicker

- The NAIA Convention was a great experience.
- In about 2 weeks we will have the awards show for student athletes, The Tankys. It will be held on April 25th at 5:00 in the Ballroom.
- Golf Tournament planning is going well. We have about 25 teams and room for a few more.
- Baseball is in 2nd place.
- Softball is doing much better; they have won 6 of the last 8.
- Tennis is 4th in the nation. They just finished a perfect 13-0 season. Conference Tournament is in NO on April 28-30.
- Per Dr. Coreil, we will collaborate to plan a reception for the tennis team.

Chad Gauthier

- We have a lull in COVID cases right now. But there is a rise in the NE part of the US. I just read an article showing some increases in wastewater testing in NO area. Experts are saying it should not be not as serious as the other two variations.
- We have had the last 6 weeks of 0 COVID cases on campus.
- The weather event last week caused some minor damage to the Foundation building.

Kevin Vercher

- The boiler projects will go to bid on the 19th of April. We should start installation in May or June.
- We have bid out our UV projects (in the air handling units and upper room UV project). Contracts have been issued on both projects.
- We have been doing some painting in G4, Police Station, flooring in Tyler's area.
- Landscaping project is a new initiative in the recent weeks.

Melissa Parks

- The former G4 Restaurant is now the Kinesiology lab. Thanks to Kevin and Facility services for painting and updating the room.

Shelly Gill

- Thanks to everyone who participated in Together Tuesday. RPSB was excited to kick off Together Tuesday again.
- Josh Perrodin started this week and may be contacting you to make appointments.
- Scholarship and Senior awards time. You may be asked to present at a school.
- Ashlee Hatwig is doing great with the Beyond Graduation grant, making sure that students know the steps needed to get enrolled.
- Trenton has taken over Dual Enrollment and is doing a great job. We are working with RPSB with Fast Forward initiative to offer an Associate of Arts degree at LSUA. Thank you to the Deans for your assistance.
- If you see data in PowerCampus that does not look right, please let me know.

Missy Laborde

- The committee working on the Bylaws is voting on sending it to the Senate. That will be the focus for the next little while.

Jennifer Innerarity

- Not Present

Don Collins

- Be sure to contact University Police Department if you see something that does not seem right. We are here 365 days with phones on 24 hours a day at 473-6427. In case of emergencies, call 911. In case of health emergency, call 911, not our campus health clinic.
- Please inform UPD of event and number of people expected if you are planning on-campus events, as soon as the date is set.

Connie Cooper

- The video at the All-Campus meeting last week; diversity was evident as well as the content. Thanks to Strat Comms.
- OoDEI has facilitated 12 campus conversation talking about diversity and educating. We have had 4 teachings on guiding principles for search committees.
- We have provided 10 Diversity Educational opportunities to assist faculty, staff and students in achieving cultural competencies.
- We have met with 13 external stakeholders; we have designed and executed 2 community facing projects to engage minority to youth and hopefully recruit them to be LSUA Generals in the future.
- I have logged a total of 64 interactions with faculty, staff, and students; Consulting- 23, Counseling/ Conflict Resolution – 24, Resources – 7.

- We are going to put our “roadmap” on pause. We know that right now the Office of Strategy at LSU is devising a strategic and comprehensive plan with a focus on values, vision, and culture in order to determine a set of core values that will be common to the entire LSU system. So, our roadmap will be connected to the LSU system. You can go to LSU Strategic Planning Site <https://lsu.edu/strategic-plan/>
- We have partnered with CORE to develop a DIEB course skills badge workshop. I will serve as facilitator for two of those sessions, Implicit Bias and Language Barriers and Privilege and Microaggression. Dr. _____ will co-facilitate on the Privilege and Microaggression workshop.
- Students have embraced Diversity and engage in the learning process. It will serve them well once they graduate.
- OoDEI website is nearly complete. I will be able to stock it with resources, tips, tools, podcasts, reading lists, education workshops and much more for the LSUA community as well as the exterior community.

Laura Fowler

- May 5th from 11-1:00 will be Cooking with Coreil during finals week.
- Working on commencement which will be Thursday, May 19th at the Coliseum.

Jennifer Parish

- Not Present

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Parish.

The next meeting will take place on May 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
