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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

4/11/2024 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Bobi Delaney, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Dr. Susan Bowers, Olivia Soileau

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- The ribbon cutting for the Small Business Development Center on LSUA's campus went very well.
- We are in the process of developing a marketing initiative to promote the signing of the MOUs with the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine and the LSU College of Engineering. This effort aims to raise awareness among students who may be interested in these opportunities.
- Tuesday, April 16 – Employee Recognition Dinner
- Thursday, April 18 – CLCU Conference in the Ballroom, focusing on Artificial Intelligence.
- Thursday, April 25 – LSUA's SLT will present to the Board of Supervisors with a BOS meeting to follow on Friday.
- Thursday, May 16 – Spring 2024 Commencement. Mary Werner will confer degrees and deliver the commencement address.
- Tuesday, June 18 – LSUA's SLT will be presenting at Rotary
- The camera project will be a great safety addition to campus.
- The next meeting will be April 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- CTE and Career Center – The Career Champions Institute tour of Crest Industries was a very impactful way to learn from an industry that is doing excellent and innovative work in the community. Our faculty Career Champions were inspired by Crest's emphasis on corporate culture and professional development. We came back with many good ideas to

implement at LSUA to encourage professional development and an emphasis on living our campus values. The CCI group will visit New Orleans on Friday, May 10 to tour the LSU HSC simulation lab and meet with an Entergy executive to discuss their talent development models.

- The Career Center (Dr. Beth Palmer) has added a new program to facilitate internships and job placement for international students: Interstride. Both KALB and KLAX covered the launch of this new career platform in feature stories on Monday.
- I want to remind everyone that Continuing Education (Alisha Ferrington) has several exciting programs planned, including a partnership with LSU Continuing Education to bring a 3-day Supervisor Institute to LSUA on June 3-5. This is a sell-out program for LSU when they offer it, and I'd love for our LSUA leadership to take advantage of this professional development opportunity. We're also looking for a few more CAPS instructors for the summer sessions, so reach out to Alisha if you have any interest.
- Scholar Day is May 1, Wednesday of the last week of classes. Student presentation applications are due by April 15; Scholar Day is always one of our very best days at LSUA.
- Dr. Coreil and I just toured the Technovation Makerspace in the library. The new furniture is in place and looks great. DJ Saucier, the Coordinator of Technovation, will be teaching a HIPS course in the fall that will lead to a drone flight credential. He also has programming planned for specific skill development.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Tomorrow is the deadline to purchase your ticket for the Generals Jam, which is on Thursday, April 18.
- Enrollment for fall is officially over 2,000 students, which is amazing!
- Retention of freshmen is aligned with where we were this time last year, around 35%
- We have two full Admitted Student Days approaching – if you see guests, please do welcome them. We're excited to have so much interest in LSUA.
- Generals Got Talent will be rescheduled.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- Working on completing an Academic Planning document now required annually by the Louisiana Board of Regents. It involves showing progress made for programs approved over the last five years; documenting enrollment and graduation rates for low-completer programs (completer threshold for STEM programs is 10; 8 for non-STEM programs); and identifying new degree programs that we wish to develop over the next three years. The planning document replaces the Letter of Intent that we used to have to submit for approval to both the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents, a process that typically required an entire semester; and that was followed by the submission of a full-program proposal to both bodies, a process that required another entire semester. The new academic planning

process cuts the total approval time in half. Liz and I have already met with the Deans and Directors to identify programs that we wish to develop.

- Working with Alice Blackwell, Chair of the Courses and Curricula Committee, on processing requests for curricular and course modifications and additions. My role in this process is to provide an initial review of each proposal submitted and to work with department chairs and directors on making any needed corrections or modifications to the proposals. Because work on setting up Curriculog was not completed until towards the end of last semester, we have a bit of a backlog to get through. We're confident, though, that all proposals will have gone through the process by the end of this month. There's been something of a learning curve for new Curriculog users, but on the whole, the process has been working well.
- SPERO – Working on a proposal for a \$50,000 CLCF Community Impact Award grant for SPERO. I applied for these funds a few years ago, before the launch of SPERO, but the proposal was not approved. I think we have a better chance now since the program has been up and running for two years, will have 12 enrolled students in the fall, and has significant visibility in the community.

Deron Thaxton

- Monitoring the progress of House Bill 862, which proposes an increase in tuition. The bill is expected to pass.
- Discussed the operating budget in detail.

Adam Lord

- Following up on our conversation about using the FAFSA as a recruiting message, we need to:
 - Set up a meeting with Abbey, Shelly, Deron, Megan C., Jeff Massey, & Chase about advertising uncertainty of FAFSA vs certainty of LSUA
 - Have Shelly draft talking points that faculty and staff can use when asked in the community
- Press Release today for Interdisciplinary Pre-Med program. This is such an important innovation for students looking at medical school.
- I mentioned last time that Abbey and I have been working with Jeff Selingo on an article he's working on – he's the former editor of the Chronicle of Higher Ed. This week, we were contacted by a writer who is currently at the Chronicle of Higher Ed about conducting an interview to feature LSUA in an online piece on their website.
- Tomorrow is Admitted Students Day – From a PR perspective, look at your spaces, and see if things need to be put away, out of sight. Make sure all visible spaces are putting our best face forward.

Tyler Unsicker

- Recently returned from the NAIA National Convention
- Golf Tournament Friday, April 26th, 1:00 p.m. Getting closer to our goal of 20 teams.
- Rotary recognition for basketball coaches on Tuesday, April 16, and the Rotary LCU vs LSUA trophy presented the next Tuesday, April 23

Don Collins

- Fortunately, our campus remained safe during the severe weather yesterday. However, our neighbors to the south experienced significant damage, particularly in Lake Charles, Slidell, and other areas in South Louisiana.

Shelly Gill

- Application report is reporting greater than last year. Summer is up by 41% and Fall is up 8.5%. 108 more admits than last year.
- The office is preparing for scholarship presentations to senior awards and graduations.
- Finalizing selection of the Director of Recruiting – should be finalized by next week.

Bob Delaney

- Personnel Updates –
 - Andrew Hirchak has accepted the position as our new Assistant Registrar.
 - The Student Record Systems Manager position is open.
- The order has been placed for the diploma re-prints.
- Planning for Spring 2024 Commencement has begun and I have met with a few regarding the set-up at the Coliseum.
- A new student probation letter has been drafted to encourage these students to continue seeking their degrees.
- Only 20 transcripts to evaluate for summer and 3 to evaluate for the fall.

Chad Gauthier

- Weather – Minor roof leaks from yesterday's events and 1 small tree ruined.
- Facility Services –
 - Tower Project –ABW – Bids came in higher than AFC, so we are working through the process
 - Street Overlay Project – Monceaux design – Should go out for bid end of the month or early May.
 - Parking Lot 7 – design phase MML&H – Will soon go out for bid.
 - SG LSUA sign – Completed – they will do some additional minor dirt work around the concrete.
 - Facilities Services Fence –Big gates only thing left to complete the project.

- ROM Student Success Center – MD Descant - Construction has begun. Drilling shafts this week and next.
- Many other projects across campus will be taking place these next few months - Fitness Center, Abram’s, Science, Student Center, Avoyelles, Baseball lights, Flower beds, fencing, and fountain.
- Avoyelles – Should begin work Monday.
- Health Campus Downtown – ABW Architects. Planning will take place throughout the year
- Chrysler 300 – again in for repairs. We got word that the Ford Explorer was delivered to LPAA.
- The new position that will be in charge of setups should start next week or the week after.
- LSUA Fountain – Doing work for letters, lights, and refurbishment.
- Risk Management – Nothing to report at this time.

Connie Cooper:

- Black Women’s Empowerment Initiative
 - The intake process and meet and greet for Cohort 2 was successful. We accepted five students into Cohort 2; 1 Freshman, 1 Sophomore, 2 Juniors, and 1 Senior. One student is a first-generation student. Special thanks to the faculty and staff who served as interview judges: Dr. Mary Beth Palmer, Prakash Ghimire, and Dr. Tomesha Ferris.
 - As part of the professional development component of the BWEI, members participated in a Glow Up Leadership Seminar. The topic, “*Transitioning from College to Professional Life*” was facilitated by Attorney Dierdre Fuller Gamlin. Survey results reflect that 100 percent of the members found value in the topic and are very likely to utilize the knowledge and skills that they gained from the seminar.
 - The BWEI performed community at Horseshoe Elementary School by reading to an facilitating an activity with a first-grade class. The BWEI has launched a Nursing Home Donation drive to collect needed items for residents of a local nursing home.
- CRCA Committee – The committee met on March 26th. The minutes will be posted to the website.

Kelly Pepper

- Thursday, April 25 – Better Business Bureau Torch Award Luncheon at the Bentley Hotel to recognize 2024 LSUA Scholarship Recipient Branon Poper
- Saturday, May 4 – The AMoA Dragon Boat Races and they are looking for volunteers the week of the event. If you are interested you may contact the Museum.
- The LSUA Foundation entered into a three-year CEA with the City of Alexandria to provide programming support for the AMoA.

- LSUA Foundation Annual Campaign raised over \$123,515. Many thanks to the donors who support LSUA and the faculty, staff, and students who shared the opportunity.

Dr. Susan Bowers

- There is lots of excitement from the faculty about the upcoming reception for graduates on Wednesday, May 15.
- Career Champions Institute toured Crest Industries and it was an amazing learning opportunity for all who attended.
- An email was sent out regarding the Academic Engagement Activity and the Biology department will be having a meeting this afternoon.
- Zoo Updates – The Alexandria Zoo is in the process of hiring a new Zoo Director, and the Zoo Science concentration will continue as planned.

Olivia Soileau

- Tuesday, April 16 – Employee Recognition Dinner in the Ballroom with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. and dinner and awards

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
