



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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5/10/2023 8:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Kelly Pepper, Jerri Weston, Dr. Julie Gill, Beth Whittington, Olivia Chatman

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

- COMMENCEMENT –
  - Reception in Mulder Hall Lobby will be held at 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for online students coming to commencement. This will allow the online students to meet professors, other students and tour the LSUA campus.
  - Commencement will be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum with the largest graduating class in the history of LSUA. This is an exciting time for the entire university. Congratulations to all of the graduates and everyone who has worked hard to see this tremendous growth at LSUA!
  - With enrollment increasing, we are experiencing some growing pains, which is good. The Coliseum is starting to get small for our ceremony, so we may have to start brainstorming on different options and ideas.
  - Virtual Commencement was on Monday for those online students who cannot attend commencement at the Coliseum and it went well. I want to thank Teresa Seymour and her staff for doing a great job on preparing and making sure the online students are included and celebrated for their accomplishments.
- The Pinning Ceremony for the nursing students is tonight at 6:00 p.m. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the ceremony, as I will have to be in Baton Rouge for an important meeting in regards to Capital Outlay Funding.
- We are asking the State Legislators to approve us for the Capital Outlay funding in the range of around \$29 million dollars from state funding for our proposed Health Education Campus in downtown Alexandria next to the existing Allied Health facility. Locally, we are trying to raise up to \$10 million dollars in private funding in support of this project. We are seeing a lot of support and have received many funding commitments. This is a major

campaign that is targeting selected businesses that we think are most connected to the critical shortage of healthcare workers. As of now, we are not on the Capital Outlay Bill that Governor Edwards previously sent, but we have been assured that we will be added as an amendment by either the Chair, Governor or both. I will be attending that meeting this afternoon to be a witness.

- We are very excited that Beth Whittington has agreed to serve as the Acting Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Dr. Brenda Ellington has agreed to serve as the Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Thank you both for your willingness to step up and serve LSUA. Please congratulate them both if you see them around campus!
- The next meeting will be May 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- It is great to see a record-breaking graduating class tomorrow! Thank you to the Chancellor's office for all of their help and coordination
- We are seeing larger numbers of academic dishonesty reported. I'd recommend a group or "task force" come together with ideas to better educate students and support faculty with these issues for the fall semester.
- Student Engagement is planning ahead for the fall semester.
- Registration overall is looking strong – especially for new applicants and admits.
- Housing occupancy is looking good. We are currently 50% occupied for fall, which typically doesn't happen until July in the past.

### **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- AVIATION—
  - Our open house event was very successful and there were lots of people in attendance. The entire Gulf Coast Aviation team showed up, including the CEO, Robert Copeland. We also had two recruiters, Kameron Clinton and Alex Hammond, there to help our potential students. Director of Financial Aid, Jeff Massey, was present to answer questions about available funding. The event received some media coverage as well, which is always great. I appreciate everyone who attended and helped out with making the event a success for the Aviation Program.
  - We had our first LSUA Professional Aviation student receive his Private Pilot's license, Nathan Blackwell. This Friday in Mulder 302, we have organized a seminar for Nathan to speak about his experience and how he prepared for this exam.
  - Currently, we have 8 students fully admitted and enrolled in aviation classes for the fall semester.
- SPERO – The deadline for Fall 2023 SPERO applications has been extended. I plan to send an email out with this information soon.

## **Deron Thaxton**

- Enrollment from a financial standpoint – we are looking good for this coming fall semester at this time. Typically, we run an analysis at the end of May that gives us an idea of where we will end up. My prediction is that we will be up significantly high for enrollment.
- Budget wise, we are planning on a \$1 million dollar increase with the trend of online classes and our online tuition increase.
- We are continuing to work through the equity adjustments. Once those are finalized and sent out campus wide, we will send out additional information on how those were derived.
- Yesterday, LSU sent us the LaCarte/yearend deadlines and I plan to send an email out campus-wide with that information soon. Please pay attention to that email and read through it carefully to avoid issues and confusion.
- It has been decided that with increasing costs in maintaining/operating the pool and declining usage, we are going to be filling it in and renovating that space for other appropriate usage.
- During the summer, we will be resurfacing parking lot 7 – Student Center parking. We will be adding curbs and lining to match the new lot by the Student Success Center area. It is tentatively set to be complete prior to the fall semester, so expect some closures in that parking lot during the summer as they work to get that project completed.
- We are putting together a leadership program for staff on campus looking to be more involved and stepping into leadership roles for projects and committees. It will be called the Staff Development Leadership Program and more information will come out later this summer.

## **Melinda Anderson**

- Since I missed the last Cabinet meeting – I want to publicly thank ALL who helped with Cenla Day, LSU Day, Martin Groundbreaking and the Board of Supervisors reception and meeting. Shout out to Facilities – the campus looked amazing.
- Have been in BR frequently with the fiscal session and legislative receptions.
- Commencement set up and take down on Thursday. Shout out to Laura and Olivia for all the DETAILS of commencement.

## **Adam Lord**

- Our story about Nathan's pilot license will go out this afternoon
- STILL having issues with people trying to order & print assets last minute without proper approvals
- Looking for the best way to make our processes available and easy to use
- StratComms needs a heads up on events: had to tell three people NO for events today!
- Chancellor's spring report is in review - heading to print soon
- Chase's services are fairly spoken for over the summer

- Looking at our marketing data, we can currently track 143 students who have enrolled for the fall that clicked on one of our digital ads to get there

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Baseball – Finished second in the RRAC Tournament
- Pool – Being filled in to provide more recreation and wellness options
- Student-Athlete Graduation Reception – Tonight 5-6 in The Ballroom. 25 Student-Athlete graduates this Spring and over 40 Student-Athlete graduates for the 22-23 academic year.
- Tennis – Ranked #4 in upcoming NAIA National Tournament next week.

### **Don Collins**

- We have some new police cars, which will help us out tremendously with on-campus and off-campus patrols.
- Provided LSU Family Medicine Clinic and Rapides General Hospital with much needed safety talks and tips. Thanks to Adam Lord and Chase Dyess for taking photos and videos to document.
- We have hired a couple of officers and we also hired one of our criminal justice students so that he can get some experience. Our hope is that once he goes to police academy, that he will return to LSUA and work for our Police Department here on campus.
- Active Shooter Training – Waiting on NCBRT to give me a definite date and as soon as I have that, I will pass it along to you all. More details will come on this once there is a date.

### **Shelly Gill**

- Applications continue to trend up.
- FTF Apps for Fall are up 66.7%
- FTF Admits up 76%
- Scholarships awarded to FTF up 30%
- Online applications: 660 of 1858 received – 35.5%
- On-campus applications received – 64.5%
- Interviewing for several positions: 2 Recruiter/Admission Counselor Positions, Transfer Specialist and Dual Enrollment Coordinator.
- Tribal Leaders Luncheon on May 4 went extremely well – excited about opportunity for partnership with local tribes.

### **Chad Gauthier**

- COVID –
  - Remains fairly calm across the state.
  - 64/64 parishes are at a low community level
  - Last week, we had 0 cases on campus, this week we have 1 so far, 1 employee.

- WEATHER –
  - They are predicting rain for the next week or so almost daily. Nothing at this time to report from any severe weather threats.
- FACILITY SERVICES –
  - Many projects both large and small. Concentrating on commencement and pinning's.
  - Work ongoing in CyberLab in Mulder
  - Work began at Fitness Center to fill in pool.
  - Focusing on some exterior building lights, started with Abrams these past few weeks.

### **Kelly Pepper**

- GAA Board Meeting is scheduled for May 16 at 5:00 p.m.
- LSUA Foundation Board Meeting and Retreat is scheduled for May 18 at 8:00 a.m.
- LSUA Foundation participated in Central Louisiana Community Foundation CENLA Giving Day. The amount raised was \$25,484.
- On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Louisiana Board of Regents approved the request to match the Alexandria Business Foundation Endowed Chair in Accounting (\$600,000) with a \$400,000 gift. This created a \$1,000,000 endowed chair for LSUA.
- Please save the date - August 31<sup>st</sup>, immediately following the LSUA Foundation Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.) we will have a dedication of the Dr. Paul Coreil legacy oak. This is a gift from the LSUA Foundation.

### **Jerri Weston**

- We are wrapping up the spring term and kicked off the Summer Elearn 1 and 1<sup>st</sup> session.
- Chancellor award names have been submitted, thank you Melinda for stepping in. We have two bachelor students and 2 Associate students.
  - Kaitee Bertrand – BS Elementary Education
  - Elena McConnachie – BS Psychology
  - Harlie Arnaud – Associate of Science
  - Emily Waits – Associate of Arts
- Grading was shut off yesterday at noon and most everyone did well adhering to the deadline, we had 16 faculty that did not get their grades in for a variety of reasons. We have sent missing grade forms out and the professors have been responsive sending the grades in. Dr. Beard has been provided the list.
- Yesterday we ran the pre-req list, we focused on students who are/were registered in the summer Elearn1/1<sup>st</sup> session courses and distributed to the departments. The students who did not pass the pre-req and were not saved by the department have been dropped and notified.
- We are currently reviewing the degree candidates and awarding degrees.

- Reviewing the course repeat list and the probation/suspension list as well as the repeated course list

### **Dr. Julie Gill**

- Wrapping up for the year and trying to move all of the remaining Courses and Curricula (C&C) and get the last few documents signed, so that everything is in the catalog for the next year. Jerri Weston and I talked about how we need to have set deadlines for this next year in order for all needed courses for the following fall semester to be in CurricuLog.
- We appreciated Dr. Beard speaking at Faculty Senate and making sure everyone understands that those 8 merit points are going to be brought into the faculty reports this year.

### **Beth Whittington**

- This comes from faculty, staff, and students –
  - I would like for us to make use a master calendar to better coordinate events. In the past few weeks, I needed to be at 3 places at one time. For example, we had a law school representative on campus and a number of our students couldn't attend due to another event.
    - Input from Dr. Abbey Bain on the master calendar idea: Haylee Malone does keep a Student Life calendar with most campus events listed on there, but it was encouraged that everyone sends her information that could be added to the calendar. Also, before planning something, check her calendar out to make sure that there is not a conflict with another event for that day.  
Link: [Student Life Calendar](#)
  - Along the same line, our organization participation has declined due to classes meeting during the noon hour, no longer leaving meeting times for student organizations and fund raisers.
  - We're wanting a vibrant campus community but may be impeding it. (There were additional comments during the meeting echoing this being an issue.)
- P.S. 202 Ad-Hoc Committee has submitted their revision on Promotion, Reappointment, and Tenure to Faculty Senate.

### **Olivia Chatman**

- Commencement is tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum.

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman*

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**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

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