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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

5/5/2022 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, 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 are still negotiating with the finalist for the Foundation President position, Kelly Pepper.
- Met with some leaders from Lecompte who are interested in locating a fire station at LSUA which will enhance safety on campus.
- Dragon Boat races are at Lake Buhlow this Saturday. Please come out and support our student and employee teams.
- Scholar Day was fantastic. Students were excited and it sets us apart from other undergraduate universities. Sandy Gilliland did a great job with her interview on KALB during the 6 pm news.
- There is an article about NSU layoffs and early retirement incentives due to a drop in enrollment. Reductions in enrollment are happening across most universities across Louisiana. LSUA has been the exception.
- We did meet with LSU Online leadership and Interim Vice President, Kappie Mumphrey. She said that they had some online enrollment projections for the entire LSU online partnership and that she will share these projections with us.
- Drainage project is ongoing. The entry and circle drive are coming along nicely.
- Deron and Kevin are meeting with Facilities Planning and Control state office regarding the Student Success Center.
- Cenla Giving Day was Tuesday, May 3. We had an anonymous donor who donated \$20,000 to LSUA. We raised \$1,700 in individual donations and won the Community Foundation award of \$5000 for having the highest donations, totaling \$26,700. We are appreciative of all donors generosity to LSUA.
- Shrimp Fest will be September 22nd, and D-D Breaux will be our celebrity guest speaker. Please mark your calendar and spread the word.

- In recent weeks racist stickers were placed on the LSUA, LCU and LSU-BR campuses and many other college campuses around the country. These activities are appalling and will not be tolerated. All stickers were immediately removed. If caught, the individuals who put these up will be prosecuted and face a variety of charges. We are working with Chief Collins and the LA State Police who are investigating these illegal activities. If anyone has information about these activities, please contact Chief Collins.

Dr. John Rowan

- The annual Scholar Day was yesterday, and this was the best one yet. There were 122 student presenters and 29 faculty mentors, and many other faculty, students, and staff were engaged.
- We had a event last night celebrating the latest publication of the Oak Leaf, the undergraduate journal of teaching and research, which is another CORE initiative. Many online students joined remotely. We talked about the nature of student research and how this opportunity to get published will change their outlook on education.
- We have made two Assistant Vice Chancellor hires recently: Nate Sammons, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engaged Teaching and Learning beginning June 1st; and Mary Beth Palmer for Assistant Vice Chancellor for Holistic Education and Career Development will begin June 6th.
- We are looking to hire as many as 12 faculty for Fall 2022 across many departments and colleges. We are in various stages in the process.
- After speaking with Julia Letlow's office we learned that our proposal for additional SPERO funding will not be going forward because they gave us \$120,000 last year. However, the request for \$990,000 for the School of Education to ramp up the attempt to produce more certified teachers in CENLA will move forward. The funding would help us to address the shortage of educators in Cenla as well as the state of Louisiana.

Deron Thaxton

- Not present

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Many of the upcoming curricula changes will impact incoming fall students so we need to make sure these changes to classes or degree plans are communicated to Advisors.
- Scholar Day was amazing. Shout out to Sandy Gilliland!
- Registration is steady for Summer classes so far which start Monday. We are down a few students online so we need to continue to explore this. Fall registration is down a few on campus students, and up a few for online fall students. However, retention of First Time Freshmen has improved the last few years. Last year we had a retention rate of FTF of 40% and today it is 53%. We have also had the highest Fall to Spring retention in the history of the university. We are hoping to see that continue from Fall to Fall. All signs are positive at this point.
- Enrollment is bringing in new students and retaining students as well. We have developed a new summer melt communication plan. Staying in touch with students during the summer.

- We will be hosting two Beyond Graduation programs this summer for over 120 at risk students- with a grant from the Rapides Foundation. They will look at aid, meet one on one, meet with advisors, and others to help eliminate barriers, so that at orientation they will be more successful.
- Orientation registration is open now through REACH. Students can register like they always have in their myLSUA portal.
- Been working with local artists that we will have murals by the advising/ bookstore gateway and outside the ballroom. There is a white space outside the bookstore as well. Two of these are funded through Student Government. The other will be funded through our Student Engagement department with the Foundation.

Dr. Eamon Halpin

- We have received 5 applications from prospective students for the SPERO program. Brittany Soden and I will be interviewing them and their parents next week. The application process is rigorous so that we have students who are the right fit. We advertised for student mentor positions and Brittany is already interviewing those students. Tomorrow we are traveling to Baton Rouge to attend an event organized by Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of LA called Partner Convening. We will make a presentation about the SPERO program, which BCBS supported. Fletcher Technical Community College is giving a presentation about a program developed to bolster their nursing program.
- I have been working with Registrar to get the academic catalog published by the end of the month.
- Missy asked to make note of the change to the Bachelor of Science in Biology degree when reviewing information for the catalog.

Melinda Anderson

- The CLECO check presentation will be Wednesday, May 11th at 11:30 at CLECO. This is a great opportunity for LSUA and CLECO to show our partnership. They completed their pledge to Cenla Accountants for the Future two years early. This will be photo op only – no program.
- Wednesday, May 25th we will host the Black History Luncheon which was postponed from February due to COVID. Tickets are on Foundation website, if there are questions please contact Shere Thaxton. Judge Williams will be speaking this year.
- STEM NOLA has partnered with city of Alexandria to have STEM CENLA. LSUA is hosting this event as a result of our cooperative endeavor agreement with the city. The event will be held at Brumfield Caffey next Saturday, May 21st. They are expecting around 130 students from grade school and high school. Sheila Hudson has taken the lead on this project and is the contact.
- At commencement the Alumni and Friends Association will provide one-of-a-kind t-shirts to graduates as they process out. No graduate dinner will be hosted this year.

- On June 2nd at 10:00 AM, we will have the ribbon cutting for Wally Fall Tree Dedication outside the Fort.
- Dr Coreil and I had a meeting with Monty Wilson at Christus to discuss scholarships for nursing and addressing the healthcare workforce shortage; we will be also be talking with other healthcare facilities.
- LSU/ LSUA day in Baton Rouge was fantastic! Thanks to all who participated and represented LSUA.
- Working with the Recycling group for possible partnerships with Glass Acts and cardboard recycling group.
- Secured 2 new fully funded four-year scholarships worth \$56,000; one in AEH and one in Nursing.
- We are making plans for the \$ 600,000 gift for the College of Business. This will result in an endowed million dollar Chair in the College of Business. We will be making arrangements for this recognition this summer.
- LSUA Tennis will be recognized at Rotary Tuesday May 10th .
- May 26th will be the Foundation Board meeting.

Adam Lord

- We are super excited about the muralists coming this summer. One of the artists is a local junior high teacher and the other is a professor from La. Tech.
- The link to preview the new explore site: <https://lsua.platform.studentbridge.com>
- We are almost finished with our marketing strategy for next fiscal year. We are looking forward to seeing how these ads impact enrollment numbers in the next six months.
- Headshots are available on Mondays 3:00 -4:00 with Nathan in Mulder 159.
- Please encourage colleagues to post stories and pictures on their personal accounts; let us know about it and we will like and share, and maybe get it on the main page.

Tyler Unsicker

- Tankys Award Show was fun; please see the fun video was posted on social media. Student athletes are still talking about it.
- The GAA Golf Tournament fundraiser was a success and we raised around \$14,000.
- Tennis won their conference and coach Melinda Descant was announced Coach of the Year. They will go to nationals in a couple of weeks. We are now ranked 3rd for the tournament. There is great chance that they could make it to the national championship. We nominated Melinda for National Coach of the Year.
- Baseball is in Sterlington. 2 seed for conference in tournament. They play Friday night at 6:00. They also have a great chance of getting a seed in the National Championship.
- Softball is in San Antonio today and has been delayed due to the weather.

Chad Gauthier

- COVID has increased in the northeast part of the country for two or three months with increased hospitalizations. So far, we have not seen it in our area. We have made progress but remember that it is not gone.
- This week is Hurricane Preparedness week. I will address it in the quarterly safety article. It should come out today. Please make sure that your colleagues are getting the article and reply back that they have read it.
- This afternoon, severe weather coming through and may impact Dragon boat practice.
- Getting ready for the upcoming audit that we will have in a few months.

Kevin Vercher

- Not Present

Melissa Parks

- HB546—a proposal to eliminate PRAXIS I as an entry requirement into professional teacher education programs; final discussions of the bill will be in August.

Melissa LaBorde

- Faculty are finishing classes and preparing for finals.
- We had our last regular senate meeting on Tuesday. The bylaws alignment voting has been open for about a week, and around 1/3 of the faculty have voted.
- Courses and Curricula Committee approves and modifies curricula and degree programs. Over 170 items have come through the committee this year. This is an indication of how busy things have been on campus.

Shelly Gill

- Applications are up 10% compared with last fall. We are working with some issues with the online applications.
- Admissions is currently working through scholarship presentations at local high schools.
- We are working on applications for fall throughout the summer. We get almost half of our applications come in between now and August.
- We are starting planning for Fall 2022 with new staff members and will begin meeting with Strat Comms once a week.
- Explore.lsua.edu is getting a facelift and should be rolling out within the next week. New videos for each college will be featured.
- Our SEVIS representative visited us; we currently will not be able to admit international students to aviation until we get it approved by SEVIS. We will meet with Dr. Halpin to work through this process.
- Public transportation seems to be an issue as we have had several inquiries about it recently.
- Great Peabody Magnet High School signing Wednesday for a student who is committed to LSU and will be an education major. This student came from the Educator Rising group.

- We have started receiving LSU referrals of students who did not meet LSU admissions requirements, but meet LSUA's. We have a list of 1100 students; 54 have completed an intent to enroll. Most of these are out of state.
- LSUA will be the host site for the LACRAO Recruiting Services meeting on May 26th.
- LSUA has almost the highest scholarship awards at ASH, above NSU and tied with ULL. Bunkie had an academic signing yesterday and they posted pictures on their Facebook page. LSUA had the most students.
- If anyone has student workers who need work for the summer, please send them to Admissions.

Jennifer Innerarity

- Not Present

Don Collins

- Not present

Connie Cooper

- Not present

Laura Fowler

Jennifer Parish

- Coreil's Cookout TODAY at 11-1 on the Quad.
- Commencement will be May 19th at 10:00 AM at the Rapides Parish Coliseum.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Parish.

The next meeting will take place on May 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.
