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## LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

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8/16/2023 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dr. Abbey Bain, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Connie Cooper, Kelly Pepper, Jerri Weston, Dr. Carol Corbat (representing Dr. Julie Gill), Dr. Bernard Gallagher, Beth Whittington, Olivia Chatman

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#### Dr. Paul Coreil

- There was an LA State-wide STARBASE meeting today on campus. I will meet with Garrison Commander at Fort Johnson to try and get them to help us move forward with the STARBASE program being developed and implemented on the Base.
- Reminder that we are in the peak of hurricane season – be prepared both at your home and on campus to take action if we are threatened by a storm.
- Angel Awards Gala is on Monday, October 16 – Melva Villard and Penny Smith, parents of two of our SPERO students, are receiving an Angel Award from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation in recognition of their inspiring work helping LSUA start the SPERO Program. They will be donating the financial award of \$25,000 to SPERO program.
- LSUA and LSU Health Shreveport signed an MOU on Thursday, August 10 where our pre-professional students who qualify will have a guaranteed interview for medical school.
- We will be signing an MOU with LSU Health New Orleans for our students wanting to attend medical or dental school. Also, we will have a ribbon cutting for the dental hygiene facility downtown at the A.C Buchanan building after the signing all on Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.
- There has been a set-back on the Surgical Technology program due to the committee not being able to hire an instructor. The program will now start in Fall 2024. Additionally, we will continue to meet with LSUE to discuss the recruitment of a certified instructor.
- Jeff Langston is the new Dean for the College of Health and Human Services. Please make sure to congratulate him and welcome him to our campus!
- ***Martin Family Student Success Center*** – Bond Commission meeting is Thursday, September 21 (now delayed until Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>).

- Architect selection for the downtown *Health Education Campus* is in November.
- The next meeting will be August 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Dr. Elizabeth Beard**

- All-Faculty Meeting and QEP Forum was held on Tuesday, Aug 15. The QEP team was able to narrow down the focus based on feedback from campus discussions and surveys to the top five issues. After work during the forum, a clear focus on career readiness and durable career skills emerged. The QEP co-directors Cheryl Bardales and Rob Wright had faculty volunteer for task committees as we move into the next phase of identifying the specific project.
- We are launching a Faculty Career Champions Institute this fall. This institute is co-hosted by the CTE and Career Center and will take a cohort of 6 faculty through career mentor training, including networking with industry partners, learning to use career development software and resources, and implementing career readiness skills and language into the classroom.
- Our Academic Leadership Team of deans, directors, and chairs will meet this morning to launch the fall semester, discuss academic calendars and semester processes, etc.
- We welcome Dean of HHS Jeff Langston to LSUA. He already has a full calendar, meeting with our key campus partners and his academic team. We are excited about his leadership, leveraging his industry experience to accelerate our healthcare and education programs.

### **Dr. Abbey Bain**

- Start classes Monday and DOESE is full throttle finalizing applications and getting students registered to be ready for the fall.
- The last Orientation is this Friday!
- Move in is tomorrow - please help our new students and their families to be welcome on campus.
- Housing priority to get more apartments on campus this fall to start the process
- Academic misconduct task force
- Involvement Coordinator coming on board soon & please do get involved with Presence App
- Looking ahead to retention of freshman who registered after August 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure they have what is needed to be successful. We know students who register after Aug 1 are much less likely to be retained than students who register earlier.
- Student handbook is getting finalized and will be shared for the next Cabinet.

### **Dr. Eamon Halpin**

- SPERO –
  - The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation issued a press release announcing the 2023 recipients of the Angel Awards and two of the SPERO students' moms were selected, Melva Villard and Penny Smith. The awards will be presented on Monday, October 16. Link to press release: [Announcing the 2023 Angel Award Honorees](#)
  - Admitted 4 new students to the program making a total of 5 young men and 3 young ladies.
  - In the process of hiring Trevor Ewing for the Skills Specialist position.
  - Shorthanded on student mentors, please spread the word to students who may be of interest.
- Aviation –
  - Admitted 15 new students this semester making a total of 35 students within the program.
  - Orientation for new students was on Monday and we are having a second orientation for continuing students on Thursday.
- SACSCOC – Deeply immersed in writing SACS standards and may reach out requesting needed information from some of you on campus.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- Main updates from Department of Finance and Administration were given at Fall Convocation on Monday.
- Gearing up to kick-off Workday in October – more information will come as it gets closer.
- Budget for the year has been submitted and approved by LSU. This means our total dollar amount is locked in for the moment.
- Department of Finance and Administration is doing a 12-days of student readiness where we are putting out communications for 12 days in a row on important topics that they need to know.
- Increased the frequency of balance reminders to students.
- Tower Project – Had a meeting last week and the project is continuing to move forward. It will go to bid by the end of the fall semester and construction will begin in the spring.

### **Melinda Anderson**

- Working on the Administrative Committee documents with last minute updates – updated version will go out this week. Please send any corrections to me.
- Still working with the City of Alexandria on several agreements and documents.
- Honored to be traveling to Washington DC with the Chamber of Commerce and several other communities to visit with our state delegation and emphasizing how important our Downtown Health Education Campus is to addressing our workforce need on our area.

- The Dental Hygienist Program has started at 807 Jackson Street. If you have a chance to pop in – you will see 6 very excited young women beginning the journey. Tessa Myrick and Dr. Wilton Guillory are very pleased with the space and program. We are working to arrange a ribbon cutting/celebration of this program along with a signing of the MOU with the LSUHSC School of Dentistry and the collaborations between our LSU partners in the system. More on this to come.
- Working with the Chamber of Commerce on the Women in Business conference.
- Shrimp Jam plans continue and the numbers are terrific!

### **Adam Lord**

- Nathan took almost 40 faculty headshots yesterday (new + updates)
- Men and Women’s Soccer both had their studio day photoshoots this week
- Chase is working with SLT on materials to help push the Campus Edge Project
- Check out the “Advice to Students” Instagram reels that Mira posted
- Good Day Cenla is being cancelled - new interview opportunities on noon news
- Crisis Communication Plan is ready for print (after finalizing language with IET)
- Discussed In God We Trust signs

### **Tyler Unsicker**

- Soccer – First game this weekend
- Student-Athlete Orientation – Tuesday, August 22 at 5:00 p.m. in Coughlin Auditorium
- Teams helping with move in day tomorrow
- Bus with new seats will be returned today

### **Don Collins**

- LSUA PD is promoting the Rave Guardian app to students, faculty and staff. It is a mobile safety app that can directly link individuals to campus police and 911. The [Safety Newsletter](#) goes into further detail about the app.
- The staff will be doing some training at Alexandria Police Department.

### **Shelly Gill**

- International Orientation is set for Thursday, August 17. We are excited to welcome these students to campus.
- Dual Enrollment – finally starting to see documentation come into the office. Just a reminder that we will be continuing to register students through the first week of class.
- Excited to announce that the Enrollment Management Team is fully staffed. Madyson Daugherty will start Wednesday, August 23.

- Proud of the Admissions staff! We are currently up 51% over the final Fall 2022 application numbers. So far, we have processed over 4300 applications. We still have 2<sup>nd</sup> session to go.
- It is time to turn our attention to Fall 2024. Our Recruiters are already on the road meeting with high school counselors.
- Our office is working on a print piece that lists all special visitation days (Spend the Day at A, STEM Day, etc.). All departments who are working on these open houses, please get dates to Joshua Perrodin ASAP.

### **Connie Cooper**

- Courage Conversations – August 24th at 6 p.m. at Alexandria Museum of Art
  - The CDO will facilitate Courageous Conversations centered around contemporary art on display at the AMoA. The focus of the conversations is on subjects that challenge or divide us. Topics will be drawn from the works presented by the contemporary artists featured in the 36<sup>th</sup> September Competition.
- Diversity Training –
  - Wednesday, September 6 at 12:00 p.m. (Mulder 302)  
Diversity 101 Workshop
  - Thursday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. (Zoom)  
Microaggressions Workshop
- Hispanic Heritage Month – September 12th at 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. in the Ballroom
  - HHM will feature a: Lunch and Learn with a Panel, Film Screening, Trivia Night, and Ted Talk Viewing/Chat and Chew.
- BWEI (Black Women Empowerment Initiative) Initiative – September
  - Details: The BWEI is a Cohort-based leadership and identity development program that supports the experience of female identifying students of color at LSUA. The initiative aims to foster holistic well-being, a sense of belonging, self-accountability, and promote engagement in curricular and co-curricular programs while focusing on the retention and persistence of students to articulate the expectations and benefits of higher education. Through an application process students are selected to participate in the program. Students remain in the program until graduation. Mentors provide guidance for the students.
  - Four Pillars: The four pillars that guide the initiative are: Academic Success, Career Readiness, Community Engagement, and Identity and Self Awareness. Students will navigate the initiative's pillars by creating intentional spaces for black women, developing relevant workshops and programs and participating in networking events, the annual leadership retreat, round table discussions, and service opportunities.
  - Expectations that students will:  
Make a commitment to the program until graduation

- Actively engage in campus programs, events, and activities
- Meet with their mentor regularly
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher
- Maintain good standing with the university
- Outcomes: Increase a deeper commitment to academic success and professional development. Intensified focus on graduation. Exploration of graduate and terminal degrees. Continuation of the dialogue on intersectionality. Discern which skills may be transferable to community and professional settings in order to create opportunities to uplift other women.
- Incentives:
  - Book Scholarship (If program expectations are met)
  - Peer-to-Peer Mentoring
  - Connection to faculty, staff, and community advocates
  - Annual Retreat
  - Resume Building
- Staff Senate – The first meeting is confirmed for tomorrow, August 17 at 1PM in Live Oaks. We will continue to provide a Zoom option for all meetings. The Staff Senate will meet every third Thursday at 1PM in Live Oaks for the 2023-2024 academic year. Meetings are open and the Staff Senate looks forward to visits from SLT and other campus community members.

### **Kelly Pepper**

- LSUA Foundation property for Grove House closed on Friday
- A new endowed scholarship will be announced shortly in honor of Hugh C. Smith. The gift of \$338,000 to the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics – will provide scholarships to students studying Biological Sciences.

### **Jerri Weston**

- Summer graduate numbers are up at 136 degree candidates as of now.
- End of term grades were due yesterday.
- Preparing for the start of fall semester and classroom finalization will be completed by tomorrow. An email has been sent out requesting any last-minute changes.
- The prereq list for students who did not pass their prereqs this summer has been sent to all departments and those students will be dropped today.
- Sent out an email encouraging continuing students to register.
- Transcript Evaluations – 229 students on the list

**Dr. Carol Corbat** (Representing Dr. Julie Gill)

- Dr. Gill reported on Faculty Senate news at the Fall Convocation.
- CurricuLog Updates –
  - We will be using CurricuLog this year for the Courses and Curriculum approval process.
  - This system is totally transparent – all faculty can see proposals and where they are in the process; nothing could get lost in the system.
  - We are not going to fully utilize the curriculum piece of the software at this time because of its complexity.
  - The software can handle all kinds of forms or processes and it can manage workflows.
  - Any ideas about things we could use the software for other than C&C approvals are welcome – let Faculty Senate know.

**Dr. Bernard Gallagher**

- Flash Fiction Contest winners were announced yesterday. There were 183 entries – 13 different countries, 20 different states and 1 different continent.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Dr. David Holcombe of CENLA
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to an individual in Ontario
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to an individual in Queensland
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**Beth Whittington**

- There has been lots of positivity on campus and at all of the recent faculty meetings. All of the new faculty members have expressed how impressed they are by the environment here at LSUA.

**Olivia Chatman**

- Cooking with Coreil – Thursday, August 24 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the Ballroom

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Chatman*

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**The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**

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