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LSUA Chancellor's Cabinet

9/25/2023 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Shelly Gill, Kelly Pepper, Jason Normand, Jerri Weston, Dr. Susan Bowers, Melissa LaBorde, Olivia Soileau

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Attended President Tate's Momentous Year-end Celebration Friday at LSU. LSUA was mentioned and included in quite a few of the slides shown by President Tate, which was encouraging to see.
- Army Tank Update – Through the Department of the Army, we have requested a surplus Army Tank to locate in front of The Fort. The BOS have to approve a lease with the Department of Defense allowing the placement of a tank on campus, which would be through the AMoA.
- Hope House Lobster Fundraiser is on Sunday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the England Airport Community Center – Thank you to Tyler Unsicker for making sure that our athletes volunteer and help make this event a success.
- Plan to have a de-briefing of the Shrimp Jam to discuss what went well and what could be improved, as well as possible guest speakers for next year's event.
- Distinguished Service Award – Begin thinking about possible recipients for this award, which we would like to give out at the Spring 2024 Commencement.
- Reminder to be cautious about publicly endorsing and financially supporting any political candidate. Civil Service employees are prohibited from doing so; however, non-classified employees are allowed to campaign for and contribute to candidates. As Chancellor, I personally avoid getting involved in endorsement and make no political contributions to candidates.
- Wednesday, October 18 at the Downtown Campus – LSUA and LSU Health New Orleans will sign an MOU that will help LSUA students get a guaranteed interview for medical

school programs, if they meet GPA and entrance test score requirements. After the signing, there will be a ribbon cutting for the new Dental Hygiene building and a tour to follow.

- Campus Edge Project – SLT met with a potential company who may be interested in providing the needed amenities for our campus. Information will come on that as we learn more.
- Thursday, October 19 is the State Bond Commission Meeting. We are hopeful that LSUA's *Martin Student Family Success Center* will be on the agenda.
- Plan to meet with Kelly Pepper and Adam Lord on ways to promote alumni success stories.
- The next meeting will be October 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- Reminder that the Tutoring Center in the Bolton Library is officially up and running. Please make sure that the students are aware of this service.
- Today at 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Mulder Hall, Room 147 – Lea Ann Hawkins-Fisher, a candidate for the coordinator position at LSUA's Technovation Center will be presenting. A Zoom link will also be sent out for those who are unable to attend in person.
- Next week, we will have two candidates for the Director of Continuing Education & Community Outreach position presenting.
- Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. – Adam Lord will be presenting the first Cavanaugh Lecture of the fall at the Rapides Parish Library on "Understanding Ukraine."
- Wednesday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m. in Mulder Hall, Room 147 – Catherine Pears, Executive Director of AMoA, will be discussing her MFA Thesis: *The Great Unlearning*.
- QEP – The teams are well underway and working hard to enhance career development.
- Career Champions – Faculty Institute will have a second meeting this week and with the focus being on inclusivity and diversity in the workplace. Connie Cooper and Brittany Soden will also be joining the workshop.
- There is a team developing a Board of Regents Departmental Enhancement Plan – submission deadline is in October. Jessica Thacker is spearheading that team with the help of Melissa LaBorde, Chancey French and Strat Comm. We will be taking a field trip to the social media lab on LSU's campus and meeting with individuals over there to discuss ideas and ways to implement on our campus.
- Shrimp Jam – The event was a lovely success and great opportunity for LSUA to promote and show the improvement that has been made and is continuing to be made on our campus – ranging from athletics to academics.
- Career Fair – Dr. Beth Palmer did a phenomenal job making sure that the job fair was a success for our students. It was the largest and most successful Career Fair in LSUA's history.
- Wednesday, October 18 – LSUA and LSU Health New Orleans will be signing an MOU downtown and there will be a ribbon cutting/tour of the new Dental Hygiene building to follow.

Dr. Abbey Bain

- Application for fall of next year is open.
- Advisors are working heavily on retention efforts.
- Student Government Updates –
 - Met with Student Government to discuss Title IX and get their feedback on better ways we can disseminate this important information. We are looking at hosting a tea party event, which would help explain the overall meaning of consent to our students.
 - Continuing to work on the large LSUA letters that will go in front of Mulder Hall. Currently, there is a mock-up and the quote should be finalized soon so that we can move forward with completing the project.
- Housing – Everything is going smoothly and the generator has been hooked up to the clubhouse.
- Michelle Ducote in Advising is doing different workshops twice a month called Accelerate. These workshops help teach about time-management, organization, study skills, etc. The overall goal is to make sure our students have the skills that they need in order to succeed during their time at LSUA. This is being heavily pushed to students who are on probation, but all students are welcome and encouraged to participate.
- Save the date for our 5,000 Celebration event on Friday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the Quad. In honor of all of the hard-work being done campus wide, faculty and staff can each receive a complimentary celebratory t-shirt. Please make sure to complete this form by Wednesday, October 4 in order to reserve your t-shirt: [Get Your T-Shirt Here!](#)

Deron Thaxton

- Enrollment is continuing to go up at 5,202 after fall.
- The Humvee has been purchased, but has not been picked up yet.
- Mandatory trainings are due this week – please spread the word.
- Received 2 new vehicles – a third one has been ordered, but not on campus yet.
- LSUA website re-design project has just been initiated and there will be a kick-off meeting soon. Timeline on this project is now - end of May.
- Received additional funding (\$323,000) from LSU for this fiscal year for the use of promoting mental health awareness on campus.

Melinda Anderson

- Congrats on Tank Fest, Job Fair and Shrimp Jam – all three events were outstanding! Kudos to the teams who put these on.
- Last week I participated in the DC Fly-in with the Central LA Chamber of Commerce, the Lake Charles Chamber of Commerce and the Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce.

- Busy day and half – met with Senator Cassidy, Congresswoman Julia Letlow, Mike Johnson from Shreveport, Garrett Graves. Excellent new connections from all around the state.
- Chenier, CLECO, SWLA Chamber, CLTCC, McNeese, Alexandria Airport, Lake Charles Airport, Louisiana-Central, to name a few.
- Excellent opportunity to impress on them the importance of the Downtown Healthcare Campus – and our requested grant through Senator Cassidy’s office for \$3M for this project.
- I attended the Momentum Reception in Baton Rouge for Dr. Tate and the LSU system. LSUA had great representation and many positive comments from the system about what we are doing!
- Dr. Coreil and I will be attending the “Stop the Violence Gala” tonight hosted by Mt. Triumph Baptist Church. The guest speaker is journalist Gary Fields – an LPB Louisiana Legend and a Peabody graduate. He attended LSUA and is very proud of this fact. Excellent opportunity to meet and hear from him.
- Dr. Beard, Dr. Coreil and I will be attending the Pineville Rotary club to give an LSUA update at 7 a.m. on Thursday morning.
- Manna House service opportunity on Friday, September 29! Spread the word.

Adam Lord

- Pics from Shrimp Jam up on lsua.edu/photo
- Chancellor’s report has started shipping
- Fall digital ad campaigns start in October
- We are working on a new request in-take system

Tyler Unsicker

- Men’s and Women’s Soccer picked up 2 wins this week.
- Athletic HOF nominations now open.
- Title IX survey goes out next week to all students.
- Friday, October 27 – First basketball game at 11:30 a.m. in The Fort

Shelly Gill

- LSUA has received new rankings from US News & World Report –
 - #63 Regional College in the South
 - #21 Top Public Schools
 - #319 Nursing School
 - #42 top performers on social mobility

- Fall, ELearn 2 application deadline was last week and the deadline to receive documents is today. The admission deadline is Friday, September 29.
- Fall 2024 – 152 Applications at least started with 64 completed and submitted. Decisions will begin going out on Friday (letters) with emails to go out on Saturday, October 1.
- Just a reminder that LSUA is hosting the Rapides Parish College Fair on Thursday and Friday in the Ballroom. Encourage everyone to come out and welcome guests on campus.

Kelly Pepper

- Shrimp Jam –
 - Many thanks to everyone for another successful Shrimp Jam!
 - We had 588 tickets sold and 43 table sponsors for our 2023 event
 - Preliminary numbers – income at \$119,700, expenses at \$27,322 for a net profit of \$92,377.26
- The Grove House lot has sold and closed on September 15.
- The Doug Young Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 5 - proceeds benefit the Doug Young Endowed Scholarship through the LSUA Foundation - if you would like to participate, Tyler and I have more information.

Jason Normand

- Finalizing the agenda for the Workday tenant handoff we are hosting on October 17-19.
- Still working on the myLSUA additions – starting on the safety notifications.
- University Withdrawal System had a soft release with our first applicant in the system.
- Phishing Campaigns – IET has seen a lot of recent phishing campaigns, which are more concerning than the average ones. One we have seen came in as a QR code, which looked like it was from Microsoft. The issue is that Microsoft recently announced that they are going to start pushing multifactor authentication away from SMS text messages and instead to the authenticator app. With this change, there will be a QR code that needs to be scanned. Please be very cautious, especially if you see a QR code – reach out to IET if you are unsure.
- We finished second round of interviews for the Help Desk Support Specialist position and plan to make a decision this week.
- Website re-design project is starting.

Jerri Weston

- Monday, October 2 – Spring 2024 schedule of classes will be published.
- LSUA will be participating in the Bolton High School and Alexandria Senior High School parades the next 2 weeks – Josh Perrodin and Jerri Weston are coordinating.
- Brown Bag Lunch Series –

- First one for students this fall was last Wednesday – online and in person. We discussed how to apply for graduation and lots of other helpful information.
- Next one for students will be on Wednesday, October 4.
- Will do Brown Bag Lunch series for faculty and staff in spring – coordinating with Dr. Susan Bowers and Center for Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Susan Bowers

- No update.

Melissa LaBorde

- Faculty Senate Updates –
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3.
 - Information regarding the Faculty Senate funds will be sent out tomorrow.
 - The LSU Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) representative will be announced Wednesday, September 27.
- Faculty Remarks – Faculty have asked about the diversity trainings and how two of them show up as incomplete. If you hear them ask about this issue, please remind them that Diversity 101 is the prereq for the other diversity trainings. After they have completed Diversity 101, they are eligible to take one of the other two diversity trainings.

Olivia Soileau

- Fall 2023 Commencement will be on Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rapides Parish Coliseum. Please mark your calendars.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
