

# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

1/31/2018 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Huang

### In Attendance

Dr. Guiyou Huang, Melinda Anderson, Deron Thaxton, Shelly Gill, Stephan Moore, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Erin Weilbaeher

### Chancellor Huang called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

#### Chancellor's Updates

- **AAC&U Annual Meeting**
  - Important topics at meeting: campus safety, sexual/racial harassment, freedom of speech/academic freedom.
- **LSU 2025: Challenge Accepted**
  - LSU President Dr. F. King Alexander will speak to LSUA's campus and community regarding LSU's Strategic Plan and what 2018 will look like for the university and LSU system.
  - This event will be held this Tuesday, February 6.
  - Faculty, staff, boards, community leaders, and students are invited.
- **Community Summit**
  - This event will be held March 7.
  - Campus stakeholders, community leaders, high school principals, elected officials, and board members will be invited to campus to hear about the growth taking place on campus.
- **Hiring Procedures**
  - We need to have the hiring process streamlined. HRM will assist.
  - Qualifications: faculty hires will be focused on doctorally prepared individuals.

#### International Student Scholarships – Melinda Anderson

- International Student Excellence Award
  - A certificate.
  - Can be implemented at the end of Spring 2018.
  - Student nominations are submitted by faculty and staff.
- International Student Scholarship
  - \$1000/year, which will be \$500/semester.
  - This will be for current students.
  - For academic year 2018-19.
  - One scholarship.
  - Requirements: 3.5 GPA
  - Nominations are submitted by faculty, staff and students.
- Financial Aid/Scholarship Committee along with Nina Cox will determine awards in both categories.

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## Eamon Halpin

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- Tentatively rescheduled the COPLAC visit for March 1-2. Eamon will continue to communicate with departments regarding the visit.
- Academic Council voted to eliminate the Computer Literacy test.
- Attendance reporting is still an issue. It is very important to report attendance on the date it is due.
- The Letter of Intent for Accounting will be on the BoS consent agenda this Friday. Then it will go to the BoR.
- The Letter of Intent for Kinesiology is ready and should be on the March BoS agenda.
- Eamon is working with Dr. Alice Blackwell and Dr. Christopher Stacey on the Humanities Conference, which will give undergraduate students experience with presenting papers.

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## Melinda Anderson

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- The office is going through Razor's Edge training for the next three weeks.
- The Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon is February 15<sup>th</sup>. This event raises money for Ebony Scholarships, in which about \$2,000-3,000 is given.
- The Endowed Professorship meeting is scheduled for February 22-23. There are over 30 applicants.
- Working on the Community Outreach Summit with Sarah Black and Erin Weilbaeher.
- The Employee Recognition Dinner is Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Will be serving on the committee to select an individual for the Bolton Award. This year 3 applications were submitted.

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## Deron Thaxton

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- There is a 3.5% budget reduction to the LSU System. LSUA's portion would be close to that, which will be about \$180,000. This will change before June.
- Enrollment for spring is at about 3,100, which is a 4% increase to last year.
- Increasing the hours of the part-time counselor in Student Engagement from 8 hours to 16 hours.
- Census Day is tomorrow.
- I.T. Funding Model Committee – We pay LSU for shared services to use their software. LSU is currently looking at all I.T. services and coming up with how the funding will be used.
- LSUA's request to waive out-of-state fees will be on the March BoS agenda. LSU sees no issue with approving this request.
- International student fees, coupled with the international insurance, will be on the June BoS meeting agenda.

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## Shelly Gill

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- Will be at the basketball game tonight with a recruiting table.
- Will be at the Wiley game on February 8<sup>th</sup> with a recruiting table.
- "Spend the Day @ A" will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>. So far 58 families will attend. Kaitlyn Nichols is doing a great job with planning this event.
- Met with Dr. Nathan Ponder and Dr. Holly Wilson regarding lowering admission standards for corequisite classes. This will be implemented for Fall 2018.

- The Counselor Breakfast will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Travis Edwards is in Houston recruiting.
- Meeting with Avoyelles Parish school boards to go over the new dual enrollment standards.
- Working with Kaitlyn Nichols and the Office of Marketing and Strategic Communications to get new printed advertisements and looking at new markets to reach out to.
- Working with Eamon to establish an international committee for exchange programs.
- Deron sent the agency contracts to LSU's legal office for approval.

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## Stephan Moore

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- Racial Healing Day was well attended.
- Increase hours for the counselors in DOSE.
- Partnered with Dr. Cynthia Thomas with Psychology's suicide and stress initiative.
- Campus safety is a priority. LSU did an assessment on LSUA's UPD last week. Stephan will review the results with the Chancellor soon.
- DOSE partnered with Culture Collections along with the AMoA. There will be a Black History art exhibit in the Art Gallery, showcasing African American CenLa artists. This exhibit will open Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- From Fall 2017 to Spring 2018, 99 students who identified as Full Time Freshmen have been categorized as "at risk". DOSE is continuing to reach out to these students.
- Looking at institutional barriers that could interfere with retention.
- Coming up with different ideas to bring students together on campus.
- Thanks his team for all of their efforts with planning events.
- Met with Jason Normand in IET to discuss repurposing the copy center.

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Respectfully submitted by Erin Weilbaecher

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The Next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 9:00 AM

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