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LSUA Chancellor Executive Council

4/11/2017 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Huang

In Attendance

Dr. Huang, Barbara Hatfield, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Sarah Black, Steve Cox, Abbey Bain, Shelly Kieffer, Leana Wilson, Adam Jonson

Chancellor Huang

- One month from today, May 11th, we will have our graduation. Jay Dardenne will be our commencement speaker. He was the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana and is currently the Commissioner of Administration. Blake Chatelain will confer degrees. How many students are we expecting to graduate?
 - Leana- I believe we are at 229.
 - Dr. Hatfield- That will be the largest graduating class in the University's history.
- I was at the conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities, as was Bobbie, Steve, and Christof. The Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Rallo, gave an informative speech and explained the Governor's proposed budget. We should expect a cut to higher education. A priority for this legislative session is to obtain tuition and fee autonomy.
- Next Tuesday is LSU on the Capitol. I expect that students, faculty, and staff from other campuses will also attend the program.
- LSU requests the Chancellor's approval and exceptions we are requesting on the holiday schedule.
 - Shelly- One exception we do every year is switching the Mardi Gras holiday from Tuesday, Feb. 25 to Monday, Feb. 24
 - *Group Agrees*
- Faculty and staff are very interested in seeing a salary increase or adjustment again. Faculty have also shared they want to make sure the University is reviewing and following PS236. We started the review process a few weeks ago. Bobbie and Deron are meeting with their departments and will present their findings. I do want to look at the possibility of an increase if enrollment numbers stand and if the budget cut is not severe.
 - Catherine- Can I ask about timing?
 - Chancellor- The review is currently taking place and Shelly has provided enrollment projections, but we will not know until later. My hope is to have a word to campus before May 11th.
- Bobbie and Deron have done a good job at communicating the importance of putting money back in reserves for SACSCOC. Depending on the financial situation we will do what we can.
- Faculty senate is also concerned about funding for research and field trips. I met with Bobbie and Deron about finding additional funding for both of these. If faculty conduct research, they need to be supported. I am working on a memo so they are informed on what we decide to do.

Barbara Hatfield

- Seven LSUA employees attended the e-learning conference last week. It was mostly faculty who teach online. They received helpful information for teaching online.
- Today the Provosts from different LSU campuses are here for a meeting. We will discuss: online degree programs, dual enrollment, strategic plans, academic program planning, general education curriculum, transfer pipeline, and engineering partnerships.

Shelly Gill

- We have an updated number for applications. We have a 35% increase in applications for summer and a 17.5% increase in applications fall.
- We are up almost 100 FTF applications for fall semester.
- I am going to Menard tonight to speak to parents. I met with teachers and the advisory board last night.

Sarah Black

- We have a full team for dragon boat.
- Interviews for the branding position will begin tomorrow.

Abbey Bain

- Sen. Cassidy will have a few of his staffers on campus next week for a meeting with the Chancellor, Dr. Hatfield, and Deron. They will also receive a campus tour.
- Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 11th at the Riverfront Center.

Melinda Anderson

- Dr. Alexander will speak at Rotary on April 25.
- We are planning an inaugural graduation dinner the Tuesday before graduation. It will be for graduates, administrators, and department chairs. This will be the first time we have ever done this and will be the opportunity to say congratulations and welcome them as alumni.
- May 10 is Central LA day at the Capitol. I will be down there with the Chamber.
- Our office will pass cookies/study snacks to students during finals week.
- We will also be involved with nursing week.
- Working closely with our consultant for the LSUA foundation strategic plan. This will be our first strategic plan for the next 3-5 years and identifying our areas of focus to help the university.
- Last Friday, I met with the other foundations in our system and Dr. Alexander and looking for ways to collaborate in the future and how LSU foundation can help us

- I will have three new foundation board members coming this fall (maybe four).
- We are working on a luncheon for department chairs and foundation board members to help increase relationships so that our foundation *knows* our faculty, what they're doing, and what their needs are.
- Working with Adam on recruitment and athletic scholarships.
- I do have a question on the policy for professorships and the updates to it
 - Dr. Hatfield- I gave it to the appropriate committee in faculty senate and waiting for their feedback

Deron Thaxton

- Our SACSCOC final monitoring report was submitted last week. We will hear back in June after they vote. We feel very confident.
- The bid is currently out for fencing the Oaks. We have had a few vendors on campus to look at the facilities. It is a 21 day bid due to the cost of the project.
- Budget for next year - it is still very early. The consensus is about an \$18million cut to higher Ed and our portion would be 2% (of \$5 million). It is still very early so it is difficult to know right now. Early June we will have a better idea. If we are 2% or less then we will be ok assuming enrollment is what we are projecting. Obviously, we won't be able to do as many things as we'd like, but we will be ok.

Catherine Pears

- Exhibits- Currently Kathryn Keller: A View from Within and Our Living Past from the Music Maker Foundation through May. Partnering with Little Walter Festival.
- Collection- We are currently using funds from recent deaccessions to purchase works of artists on our wish list as we seek to build the collection and install collection galleries. We are now looking for one really impressive piece to reveal at the opening in October.
- LSUA- The renewal of our CEA with the City of Alexandria has passed through their legal department and will go to the City Council. I will check that date and schedule for me and Deron to attend in the event of any questions.
- Sponsorships & Fundraising- We are working to sign up Dragon Boat teams and currently have secured 30 teams.
- We have a concert fundraiser Halleluiah: a Tribute to Leonard Cohen on the 22nd at the Jewish Temple – tickets are \$50.
- 40th Anniversary- We continue working with Kinetics to complete our 40th anniversary promo videos and some are on our Utube channel and we are currently planning the campaign to roll them out.
- Grants, Trusts & Foundations- We continue to write grants and send requests to viable funders.
- Education- Camp Carter may change locations because of possible school closure.

- Community Programing- We have an illuminated community project night on third Thursday to prepare for the procession at AlexRiverFete.
- Board Relations- The finance committee meets Monday, April 17 at Larry Menache's office to review the budget proposal I am currently working on. Board meets on the 24th and may move back the museum.
- Staff- Dorene Fox has resigned and intern Madilyn Anderson is taking the position. Others are out with health issues. Museum is currently short staffed.
- Building- The recent power outage in town damaged the HVAC monitoring system. We have estimates and will move forward with the repair. We will file an insurance claim.

Leana Wilson

- *Advisor* is a new degree audit system and it is now available for students. We will have a video and PowerPoint available to show how to use it.
- I will reach out to departments today that substitutions can be sent to me and I will handle them.
- I did lose an analyst, Kim Fontenot, who will take a different position in the private sector.

Steve Cox

- Registration is looking strong.
- Enrollment for fall is also pretty strong compared to last year, but that will most likely even out the next few weeks

Adam Jonson

- We had an information meeting on Sunday to have both lieutenants and cheerleaders. They are not varsity sports but will report to athletics. I am hoping this brings more students. Tryouts are the 21-22 for cheer and 23rd for lieutenants.
- GAA fundraising event is Monday, April 24th. It will be an informal crawfish boil and we will have different activities and games for families. The theme is Celebrate ChAmpions.
- Rugby will hopefully bring home a championship, their tournament will be the end of the month.
- We have a bid to host softball regionals. We hosted the last two years.
- We will have a ring fundraiser for men's basketball coming soon. People can sponsor a ring for about \$250.
- Senator Amedee is looking at recognizing the men's basketball team at the Capitol. We are trying to identify the best date now.
- We want to bid for 2018 conference basketball tournament. The issue is that it is the same weekend as high school basketball tournament as well.