

MEMORANDUM:

To: University Community

From: Dr. Robert T. Smith, Chancellor

Date: September 28, 2023

Re: Agenda – September 29, 2023 LPC Meeting

The LSUS Planning Council will meet on Friday, September 29, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Noel Memorial Library. The meeting is open to all members of the university community.

Voting Members

1. Chancellor, Chair: Robert T. Smith
2. Assistant Provost for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement: Kenna Franklin
3. Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: Helen Wise
4. Associate Vice Chancellor/Dean of Students: Paula Atkins
5. Chief of Staff: Kim Ramsey
6. Dean Representative (or Assign): Mary Lois White
7. Director, Pandemic Action Team: Bill Wolfe
8. Faculty Senate President (or Assign): Cassie Williams
9. Faculty Representative: College of Business: Amin Saleh
10. Faculty Representative: College of Arts & Science: Chris Gissendanner
11. Faculty Representative: Noel Memorial Library: Sarah Mazur
12. Interim Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs/CIO: Shelby Keith
13. Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: Helen Taylor
14. SGA Vice President (or Assign): Hayley Moreau
15. Staff Senate President (or Assign): Matthew Culpepper
16. Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives: Vacant
17. Interim Executive Director of Enrollment Management: Leigh Anne Chambers

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

- Director of Alumni Development: Jazmin Jernigan
- Director, University Athletics: Lucas Morgan
- Executive Director, LSUS Foundation: Laura Perdue
- Chief of University Police: Allen Johnson
- Interim Director, Media and Communications: Erin Smith
- Secretary for LPC: Julie Atkinson

1. Welcome (Smith)
2. Approval of minutes from last LPC meeting
3. Opening comments (Smith)
 - a. BOR Budget Hearing / LSU Budget Summit
 - i. Presented our FY2025 priorities and Capital requests (Shelby Keith)
Shelby discussed the Capital Outlay Process.

Continuing Projects:

- . Bridge/SC Exterior/TC Exterior \$3.5 million
- . Anticipated Completion?
- . Final

Must wait on actual cost of bridge before proceeding.

FY 25: Capital Request:

- First Request: HPE Building (The Hub)
- Second Request: TC Roof Replacement
- Third Request: Central Plant

We are ranked 36 with the LSU system. Shelby said we are optimistic, but with reservation as to if we get funds to complete projects.

The top 3 FY25 deferred maintenance requests were discussed.

b. LSU BOS

- Requested to split the Department of Management and Marketing into a Department of Management and Entrepreneurship and a Department of Marketing and Business Intelligence (awaiting action)
Chancellor Smith said that LSUS's request to split The Marketing and Management Department is expected to be on the agenda for the next BOS meeting.
- Roof in Business and Education Building (Shelby Keith)
The weekend before Labor Day weekend 2023, a large portion of the BE building roof (northwest corner) was damaged by wind and rain. We are currently working to have the affected portion of the roof replaced and the interior of the building redone. The staff jumped into action and did a wonderful job. We did everything we could to get water completely out of the building. The anticipated completion date for the roof is February 2024. Completion of the interior is anticipated to be March 2024.
- Projects underway (Shelby Keith)
Projects underway include the Business Engagement Center, which is a project funded through a donor for this specific purpose. Slides were presented.
Another project is the Science Building Annex and this is funded through a special legislative act by Senator Peacock.
- Projects in line to start this year (Kim Ramsey)
Additional projects include signage on campus, soccer building and several things going on with Student Success Center (more details are to come).
Chancellor Smith spoke of a new traffic light on Kings Highway and the necessity to move a road. Helen Wise asked if we could put up signage around campus to let people know what is going on.
- Alumni update (Jazmin Jernigan)
Jazmine congratulated Lucas Morgan on being selected for the Forty under 40 award and Angel Martin for being nominated for the Athena award.
The alumni department has a new website and they recently completed the Oral History project. The alumni department is looking for new board members. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please let Jazmin know.
Alumni Department has recently started having socials for alums and a new list of activities is being formulated to include alumni.
Chancellor Smith said the welcome event was wonderful.

4. Discussion: LSUS Capital Budget request for FY 2026

We are at start of process to begin our requests for 2026

a. Cluster of “temporary” buildings behind Technology Center

Temporary buildings behind TC are in poor condition. All buildings except Science Building have been renovated to some degree.

Shelley Moore said it was very hard for recruiters to show some places on campus – the Science Building being one. The second and third floors need to be modernized.

We also need electronic signage at various spots.

Police Chief Allen Johnson said police area needs to be addressed as well. Need to have designated area that is highly visible. New uniforms for the police would be a welcome addition so the students would view the police as more approachable. We also need new vehicles to access different areas of campus.

He said we also need a procedure to get rid of old stuff not being used. We have a lot of wasted space on campus. We also need a space for students to sit and talk with police in private if they have an issue.

We need work on our climate control system on the third floor of the Noel Library as we are emptying dehumidifiers daily to combat the humidity and mold to preserve our collections.

3. Enrollment (Leigh Anne Chambers)

Leigh showed chart below and gave a shoutout to Recruitment Management. She said enrollment was the responsibility of all areas of the campus.

a. Comparison of Fall 2023 enrollment numbers (to date) to other years.

LSUS Preliminary Enrollment Figures	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	% Increase/Decrease '22 to '23
Total Enrollment	9877	8865	8594	9377	9.11%
Total SCH's	75198	66091	65109	70584	8.41%
Total Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	5781	5040	4971	5427	9.17%
Undergraduate Enrollment	2589	2502	2483	2545	2.50%
Dual Enrollment	224	258	310	385	24.2%
Graduate Enrollment	7288	6363	6111	6832	11.80%
Continuing Undergraduate & Graduate	5474	6024	5425	5625	3.69%

b. Strategic Enrollment Committee update (Leigh Anne Chambers)

We need to make our campus more appealing for our current, as well as future students.

4. LSUS Strategic Plan paused, awaiting LSU Strategic Plan

No response today.

5. Academic Affairs (Helen Taylor)

Dr. Taylor said Amanda Lewis has done a tremendous job obtaining grants.

Helen Wise reported on Momentum Year. Question? How do we remove barriers to student persistence.

Another Momentum Year meeting will be in February.

6. VCBA/Budget (Shelby Keith)

For fiscal year, we are in pretty good shape. LSU Online has decided to raise tuition for MBA students. We need to make sure face to face grows.

7. Student Matters (Paula Atkins)
Paula Atkins was not present.
8. Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement (Kenna Franklin)
Dr. Franklin spoke of several matters that need to be addressed concerning handicap individuals. Safety Officer, Blake Rodgers is collecting data to know what handicap individuals might need around campus.
Dr. Franklin is organizing Celebration of Tribes of Louisiana.
9. Safety Task Force (Kim Ramsey)
Working hard to come up with emergency plan. Maps have been finalized and will go up soon.
Question brought up: Is there a need to have numbers on inside of rooms as well as outside?
Should we put emergency assistance info on the website?
10. Pandemic Update (Bill Wolfe)
COVID is not going away, but cases are generally mild. Flu shots will be available at the Benefits Fair on October 11.
COVID boosters are not expected to be available at this time.
11. Additional matters for the LPC
No additional matters were discussed.
12. Comments from the audience
13. Next scheduled LPC meeting: October 27, 2023
14. Adjournment