

MEMORANDUM:

To: University Community
From: Dr. Robert T. Smith, Chancellor
Date: October 26, 2023
Re: Agenda – October 27, 2023 LPC Meeting

The LSUS Planning Council will meet on Friday, October 27, 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)

Chancellor Smith welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the LPC meeting. During Chancellor Smith's opening remarks, he said he wanted to recognize Angel Martin who just recently participated in the Iron Man event in Hawaii.

2. Approval of minutes from last LPC meeting

Minutes from the LPC meeting of September 29, 2023 were approved as distributed.

3. BOR Capital Outlay Meeting (Smith)

- i. Presenting our FY2025 priorities and Capital requests, FY2026 concerns

Chancellor Smith spoke about several projects that were on last month's agenda and how we are dealing with this. Example: Roof damage in the BE Building.

- ii. Tour of LSU campus

b. LSU BOS

- i. Approved splitting the Department of Management and Marketing into a Department of Management and Entrepreneurship and a Department of Marketing and Information Systems

Chancellor Smith said he went to the Board of Supervisor's meeting last Friday and the splitting of the Marketing and Management Department was approved. Next, it will go to the Board of Regents.

- ii. Approved the recertification of the Red River Watershed Management Institute

Dr. Helen Taylor said this was approved at the Board of Supervisor's meeting last Friday as well.

- iii Projects underway

4. Project Status

a. Projects underway (Mike Bell)

One project underway is a Utility Relocate and this is almost complete.

Second project is a Boiler project in the University Center. They ran into a little problem with asbestos. Project should be started in the following week and contractor said it should take 120 days to complete.

Business Engagement Center should be completed in December.

There will be a pre-bid meeting about the BE roof on October 31st.

Pre-Bids on Cart Path will be November 1 and Student Success Center on November 3.

b. Projects expected to start this year (Kim Ramsey)

One project will be a boat house, thanks to a generous donor.

Another project will be a new traffic light at back entrance to campus and the moving of a road.

Other projects include upgrades to UC ballroom, Soccer building upgrade, additional signage around campus, and painting of parking lots. Questions were asked about other projects and Kim said as soon as we get bid information, she will let the campus know.

5. Alumni update (Jazmin Jernigan)

Jazmin began her update by asking all that were present to please encourage everyone to attend the Alumni socials. They have been a huge success. In November the social will be held at Hurricane Alley in Bossier and in December it will be held in the Collaboratory. January location has not been determined yet. She then gave an Oral History update. She spoke about the Engagement Platform and was very excited about this. It is a very good way for everyone to keep in touch with what is going on with Alumni Affairs.

6. Search for Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (Helen Taylor)

Dr. Taylor said there was not a lot to report at this time. Applications close a week from today. She hopes to have more to discuss next time.

7. Discussion: LSUS Capital Budget request for FY 2026
 - a. Cluster of “temporary” buildings behind Technology Center
 - b. Other needs

Chancellor Smith opened the floor to any other ideas of needs for the campus. Two people expressed a desire for renovations to laboratories in the science building.

Chief Johnson said there is a need for a University Police Station, but he knew a permanent solution was probably “on down the road.” They do appreciate all that has been done so far. There may be a need to “cross train “with other universities.

Kim Ramsey said we have a design for a pavilion, but we are just waiting on a donor.

8. Enrollment update (Leigh Anne Chambers)

LSUS Fall Enrollment Figures	Fall 2020 (FINAL)	Fall 2021 (FINAL)	Fall 2022 (FINAL)	Fall 2023 (as of 10/26)	% Increase/Decrease '22 to '23
Total Enrollment	9955	8881	8721	9782	12.17%
Total Student Credit Hours (SCH)	76102	67217	66905	74406	11.21%
Total Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	5858	5137	5122	5743	12.12%
Undergraduate Enrollment	2553	2477	2465	2550	3.45%
Dual Enrollment	224	258	310	385	24.19%
Graduate Enrollment	7402	6404	6256	7232	15.60%
Continuing Undergraduate & Graduate	5313	5861	5278	5556	5.27%

Leigh gave an update, but the numbers shown in the chart are not yet final.

We just had Fall Fest and this is always a good event. A group of students from Job Corp came to Fall Fest and had a great time. Leigh said Shelley Moore and her team have done a great job. The Enrollment Team is just one part of the equation to continue our increase in enrollment.

Chancellor Smith said that an increase in enrollment was wonderful and everyone has contributed to this. Everybody on campus makes this happen.

Dual enrollment does help with enrollment but it is not everything. Dual enrollment is a recruiting opportunity. Leigh said just because they participate in dual enrollment does not mean they will come to LSUS. Everyone must go above and beyond.

9. Gardiner Institute initiative (Helen Wise)

Dr. Wise presented a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about what the Gardiner Institute represents. LSUS just signed a five-year contract with Gardiner Institute last month. Questions asked were: What is Gardiner Institute and why is LSUS participating? Members of the Leadership Team are: Angie Pellerin, Paul Henley, Chelsea Chance, Helen Wise, and Kim Ramsey. The two goals are: (1) Redesign postsecondary institutes so every student can graduate and (2) Eliminate race and ethnicity. Right now a lot of planning is being done. Everyone on campus will get a survey. Dr. Wise asks that everyone please complete the survey so they have an idea of the areas of concern. Gardiner Institute will provide deep support for the redesign aspects, including redesign of the FYE, redesign for second year, redesign transfer experience,

redesign gateway course experience, redesign of curricula, and ongoing leadership and faculty development. Chancellor Smith said all kinds of issues cause students to leave and we must have an all hands on deck approach. Kenna Franklin expressed concern there were no minorities on the leadership team. Helen Wise said this was just the beginning and others would be added to the team.

10. Updates:

a. Academic Affairs (Helen Taylor)

Dr. Taylor said Academic Affairs is getting ready to present two new graduate programs. They also had an assessment day and need to have increasing competency year after year. Graduation will be December 15, 2023.

b. VCBA/Budget (Shelby Keith)

Shelby Keith was not present. No update.

c. Student Matters (Paula Atkins)

Paula Atkins said Student Affairs is creating a Book of Guidelines to let everyone know what students need. Student Affairs has obtained several grants, but they are not here yet. They are expected to be here soon. Student Affairs is also working on items other than the Food Pantry to assist the students in day-to-day life.

d. Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement (Kenna Franklin)

Dr. Franklin said she has been attending functions that are near and dear to her heart. During the Celebration of Tribes of Louisiana, several Chiefs will come to campus and they are being asked to dress in their native regalia. This event will be held on November 20th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the University Center. Dr. Franklin said they are also partnering with Shreve Memorial Library to do some community read. Dr. Franklin also attended the winery trip with the LSUS Foundation and said this was a fun event.

e. Safety Task Force (Kim Ramsey)

Kim Ramsey said the safety task force is continuing to work on several safety issues.

f. Pandemic Update (Bill Wolfe)

Bill Wolfe said COVID is still around, but cases have been manageable.

He also said the Food Drive was in full swing and that six or seven thousand pounds of food and monetary donations will be taken to the Food Bank.

The campus should be getting a notice from Kristin Fiser about the Halloween Get Together.

11. Additional matters for the LPC

Chancellor Smith noted that LSUS was recognized as having the highest Social Mobility Index score of any university in Louisiana. This is an indication of the high percentage of our students who move from Pell-eligible students to graduation and on to well-paying jobs.

12. Comments from the audience

Fall Dance Fair will be held November 8th in the UC Ballroom. Please encourage students to attend.

13. Next scheduled LPC meeting: November 17, 2023

14. Adjournment