September 8, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m. Leadership Team Meeting

• Dr. Henderson:

Announced those absent: Jerry Pierce, Greg Burke, Matthew Whitaker

Lisa Abney:

- Program approved—BS Applied Science; needs approval from SACSCOC for substantive change
- ➢ Good B-Term enrollment

• Matthew Whitaker:

Absent--report included below...

• Frances Conine:

- ➤ Welcome (first 2 weeks of semester) going well
- 911 memorial event planned for Friday; flags will be lowered; moments of silence at times of day when planes crashed
- MSW licensed person from LGBQ will conduct training
- > Title IX training available
- Sorority bid night went well
- Varnado—give more attention to students housed there; they have fewer resources; asking for leadership to spend time in V.; students need tutoring services in V.

Chris Maggio:

- Looking at internal processes for improvements in Student Services; front desk is manned
- > Improving process to work with students who need remedials/developmental courses
- Is closing at noon on Fridays serving our campus well? Could we consider going to flex schedules to cover Friday afternoons? Can more responsibility be given to student workers and grad assistants? Chose a committee to work on this issue—Carl Jones, Chris Maggio, Lisa Abney, Roni Biscoe, Steve Horton.

• Drake Owens:

- ➤ Annual fund up to \$32,000 from \$12,000 this time last year
- > Bill Cross--\$100,000
- > William Pelt \$250,000-\$300,000
- > Strategic fund raising—working w/ Greg Burke not to continue to hit the same donors
- Working on extending the fund raising plan
- ➤ Wants to explain to faculty and staff how Foundation works
- ULL bus trip/tailgating plans for this Saturday's game
- Mississippi State Watch Party for that game
- Working on community project—Wings Over Natchitoches

Dana Clawson:

- Writing self-study
- New marketing employee on Shreveport campus, Sarah Doudet, will be attending 5 recruiting events across the country for RN-BSN
- Emotional quotient testing
- Changing requirements for DNP, eliminate GRE
- Working on campus security issues
- > Signage for NSU Shreveport up on Line Avenue

- Delgado agreement signing in October
- Losing Debbie Moore, Vicki Wissing, and Linda Copple; want doctorally prepared replacements
- > BSN down 17%; ASN down 13%; Allied Health up 19%
- Alexandria nursing growing—out of space; looking for alternatives

• Liz Knecht:

> The Athletic Scholarship Auction went well. The cashiering went much smoother this year. There were not as many donated items this year, and bids did not go as high. Many student-athletes, faculty, and staff worked.

Margaret Kilcoyne:

- **▶** Walter Porter Forum set for October 8, 2015
- > In August, consultant in technology visited campus
- Working on articulation agreements
- Fund raising—donor to match \$ for \$ up to \$25,000 in memory of Margaret's kids for business student scholarship
- Working on accreditation

• Vickie Gentry:

- > 3rd year LA Dept. of Education supporting teacher education. DeSoto doing well.
- Participation w/Natchitoches, Sabine, Red River parishes this year

• Chris Maggio:

- Freshman Connection 920 students (5% increase)
- Post cards sent out/phone calls being made to eligible students not already committed to Northwestern
- Move-in Day August 22, 2015
- NSU Graduate Dwayne Jones to speak for Freshman Convocation
- Making plans for Welcome Week
- ➢ Hired 5 new recruiters
- Working to engage alumni in recruiting efforts

• Steve Horton:

- > Kyser Hall much cleaner
- MOU w/LA School—awarding credit w/University or Scholars' College—about 1 year of credit
- Graduate school admissions—PRAXIS to stand for admission for College of Education; working to get away from GRE for admissions

Roni Biscoe:

- **EEO Advisory Committee should be trained in Title IX**
- ➤ Working w/Jon Caliste on Clary Act
- Making SACSCOC progress

• Ron Wright:

- ➤ Internet—UC experiencing most problems—need new infrastructure
- Wireless installed in Turpin Stadium
- Software licenses w/Adobe
- Greg Burke: absent

Carl Jones:

- Banner usage—some happy, some not; working out bugs; verifying fund balances; working on year-end balances
- Complimented Cathy Trichel for her cash-flow statement; other schools calling for her help with theirs
- Legislative auditors on campus to finish up the audit

Marcus Jones:

- Emergency procedures—COOP, Joe Morris and Tammie Pezant working to record training
- > Purple Alert training Everbridge
- Student Union bridge drawing is posted—hope to repair during the Christmas break
- ➤ Working on lighting issues—Sun Stream

Massimo Bezoari:

- Marcia Hardy—hopeful for Faculty Senate President
- Need to redo search committee; should consist of faculty that don't hold administrative positions
- Need to revisit overload policy

Darlene Williams:

- Working on enrollment—online students, making calls, emails
- > Over 1,000 high school students this fall
- ACE grant writing
- > Employed part-time security at Leesville campus
- New floors installed at Leesville
- > Streamlined processes for military, admissions, etc.

Wrap-up—Dr. Henderson

- > Strategic framework documents will govern next meetings. We should be at enrollment of 12,500
- Game Day experience –try to find ways to engage faculty; they need to feel included
- Strategic Budgeting Committee will be chaired by Ben Rushing; model needs to be developed on how it's governed; faculty being on committee will help close the gap
- Soccer tonight 7:00 p.m.

SGA Report

Matthew Whitaker

9/8/15

- 1. SGA has recently passed two pieces of legislation. One is a resolution that outlines that the SGA supports the use of alcohol at home football games in Turpin Stadium. We feel as though this will enhance the game day experience and really add a whole new feel to the game.
- 2. The second piece of legislation is a very important one in which we changed a couple of sections in our by-laws. Two of the major changes include, awarding our Commissioners \$750 which is an increase from the \$250 they received in the past. We felt as though our Commissioners work very hard and were more than deserving of this change. We were able to make this happen because we removed the Chief of Staff position which made it possible to reallocate some money for scholarships.
- 3. Another change that was made in our by-laws that is of note is the change in how the Homecoming nominations will work this year. We have increased the nominations one needs to serve on the ballot. Homecoming nominations are now 4 instead of 3, while Mr. and Miss NSU will need 5 nominations instead of 4 to make the ballot. We have also implemented an interview process that will narrow the field down to 2 candidates and the student body will vote for their Mr. and Miss from there.
- 4. Important events that will be hosted by SGA this month include......
 - Homecoming Elections (Sep. 22-23)
 - National Hazing Prevention Week Guest Speaker (Lori Hart, Sep. 21-25)
- 5. Thank you to everyone and all you do on our campus. Let's continue to make NSU great!