

March 6, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.
Leadership Team Meeting

All present.

- **John Pearce:**
 - Presidential Search Committee meeting this Thursday (3/09/17) in Magale Recital Hall 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 - First renderings of the stage project have come in and are projected to be completed by the end of the summer.
 - Filings for SGA open later this month.
 - Greg Burke came to a meeting to talk with SG about athletics and recognized us at the baseball season opener.
 - Sister Rose Mary Niryumbe (Nobel Peace Finalist) came to NSU mid-February to talk to the campus and PLP.
 - Traveling to Baton Rouge on April 10th with other SG president's to open the legislative session.

- **Frances Conine:**
 - Directors in the Student Experience working on Institutional Effectiveness for SACSCOC.
 - Climate Survey about campus sexual misconduct was launched on March 1.
 - Re-signing Memorandum of Understanding with the Natchitoches Coalition to End Sexual Assault on Friday, March 10th.
 - Literary Rally was successful. Gave 4,000 tests to students from northwest Louisiana.
 - Student Affairs will conduct an auction for Flavor of Louisiana. Asking for donations, particularly nice wine.

- **Drake Owens:**
 - Annual Dragon Boat Races event held on March 4th: 15 teams (330 participants), \$31,500 raised.
 - Preparing for March 9th events: Legislative Priority Meeting, Jimmy Long Building Dedication, Presidential Search Forum, Spring GradFest, Natchitoches Alumni Gathering.
 - Finalizing plans for annual NSU Foundation Scholarship Banquet to be held March 13th.
 - Upcoming NSU Alumni Gatherings: Shreveport 3/10, Lake Charles 3/11, Covington 2/29, New Orleans 3/30.
 - Continued planning and solicitation for April 7th Flavor of Louisiana events: \$28,000 in sponsorships secured thus far.
 - Working on upcoming Long Purple Line Induction event.

- **Marcia Hardy:**
 - Faculty Handbook update complete; first update since 2013.
 - Sent request to Calendar Committee to consider making a change to allow 150 minutes for final exams instead of 120 minutes.
 - Sub-committee working on faculty salaries.
 - Nominations are open for Executive Council.
 - Invited others to participate in Leaders Against Litter Campaign event called Keep Louisiana Beautiful, to be held on Friday, March 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

- **Vickie Gentry:**
 - QEP Launch was held last Tuesday, February 28th. As a result of the event, a video was produced to show the QEP purpose and good participation from faculty, staff, and students.
 - Following the Launch, a department head, director, and coordinator meeting was held to provide QEP updates and expectations for the SACSCOC onsite meeting.
 - When proposing articulation agreements, Dr. Lisa Abney should be included in the process. Her title is Facilitator of Community College Outreach and Faculty Research.
 - Other accreditation visits are scheduled for 2018-19. These include Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP): formerly called NCATE; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS); and National Association for Schools of Music (NASM).
 - Proposal to be submitted for April ULS Board of Supervisors meeting for children of graduates from any university in Louisiana to be exempt from out-of-state tuition.
 - Beginning in the fall, undergraduate students seeking teacher certification in Louisiana will be expected to have a full year of internship in the same school and will be paid a stipend.

- **Jerry Pierce:**
 - Continuing to make phone calls to state government officials regarding the state budget shortfall.
 - **Recreation Complex:**
 - ❖ New irrigation pump bid came in \$20,000 underbid. Starting work on demolition of old pump house.
 - ❖ Starting work on cleaning pool to start filling by April 4th opening date.
 - ❖ Scheduled to punch holes and top-dress green on April 13th. This will wake up the greens for spring growth.
 - ❖ Waiting on Walsh Timber Company and their cutting plans.
 - ❖ Business has been steady due to warm days.
 - **University Marketing and Branding:**
 - ❖ QEP Launch Party Marketing Collateral (campus-wide initiative).
 - ❖ Video productions for Dragon Boat Races and N-Side View Day 2017.
 - ❖ Marketing and event promotions for Presidential Search Forum and Jimmy D. Long, Sr. Student Services Center Dedication on March 9, 2017.
 - ❖ Guest presenter at CASE District IV Conference and Awards Finalist for University Marketing and Branding.
 - ❖ Preparations for Long Purple Line ceremony and event staging.
 - **Informational Services:**
 - ❖ Completed several projects to help with recruiting (marketing materials, etc.).
 - ❖ Coordinated with Alumni, Development and Marketing in promoting upcoming Flavor of Louisiana event and presidential search forum.
 - ❖ Coordinating with other institutions to plan events for several upcoming MOU signings.
 - **NSU-TV:**
 - ❖ Streamed and recorded 19 basketball games.
 - ❖ Recorded Lady of the Bracelet pageant.
 - ❖ Recorded 6 military videos; 2 CAPA videos and one LOB video for YouTube to be used by the New Bureau. These were also put on Facebook by different organizations on campus.
 - ❖ Stream National Signing Day event for Athletics.
 - ❖ 14 FTP interview sessions with coaches and players in different sports for athletics.

- ❖ Provided TV stations with video on 8 different basketball games plus 2 player profiles.
- WRAC:
 - ❖ Just replaced all dumbbells in free weight room.
 - ❖ Patric DuBois and Jason Stelly and three Graduate Assistants recently attended the NIRSA convention in National Harbor, MD.
- Greg Handel:
 - Scholars' Day upcoming this weekend; 80 – 100 students expected.
 - Science Showcase was a huge success with nearly 300 students attending. Especially great was the Student/Faculty Research Poster Session.
 - Demon Math Class coming up next weekend, and expecting over 100 students.
 - Criminal Justice has 4 upcoming signing ceremonies for 2+2 agreements with: LSUE(2), BPCC, and SLCC.
 - CAPA has had several internationally-known guest artists in residence during the last two weeks. Nigel Clarke and Harmen Vanhoorne with the Wind Symphony on a newly composed piece for Wind-Band and Cornet solo, and Michael John Trotta with a piece commissioned by CAPA for the Chamber Choir. All the guests commented on the musical maturity of the students and were thrilled about how responsive the students were. Nigel Clarke sent a glowing thank-you letter and called CAPA an artistic oasis.
 - The Commissioned piece by the Chamber Choir will be published by Carl Fischer and have NSU's name on it, and the demo CD sent to choral music educators will have the Chamber Choir singing.
- Liz Knecht:
 - No report.
- Margaret Kilcoyne:
 - We have several faculty members traveling to the Federation of Business Disciplines conference in Little Rock, Arkansas March 8-11. This is an opportunity for us to showcase and bring recognition to NSU and the School of Business; participate in professional development; showcase our research and programs; and network with colleagues from across the nation and world. Faculty are serving as Session Chairs, presenting research, participating in professional development activities. Jon and Tammy Croghan received the McGraw Hill Distinguished paper for ABC Southwest. We are very excited about this.
 - We have the International Festivals of Cultures and Cuisines being sponsored by the HMT Dept., March 21. The country booths will be set up around the Alumni Courtyard Plaza at CAPA from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.. This is a fundraiser and they will have various foods from selected countries for sale.
 - Under the direction of Carmella Parker, the School of Business Student Advisory Board has been actively engaged in various events. On Rally Day, they set up a booth and welcomed students that morning from 8:30 – 11:00 and talked about our programs; they attended N-Side View day this past Saturday 3/4/17; they are actively working on creating a database of employers who provide internships; working closely with Carmella on setting up and working the CLEs. The accounting CLE is now part of this event. This event generates funds for the School.
 - Several faculty members and staff traveled to Northshore Community Colleges' STEM campus and visited with high school students throughout their service area as well as

faculty members about the creation of an articulation agreement. We are excited about this endeavor and the opportunity to increase our enrollment numbers.

- We are working on an agreement with the Northwest LA Technical & Community College in Natchitoches to develop an advanced manufacturing technician program that will include the completion of the existing associate degree in Engineering Technology and courses through the technical school which will then add up to the awarding of the certificate. This is a unique program. It's being modeled from the Toyota Model where students will attend classes in a laboratory environment 2 days a week and they will work on-site at selected manufacturing plants 3 days a week for pay.
 - AACSB Report is due on July 1, 2017. This report addresses comments made from previous visit like faculty credentials and coverage, intellectual contributions, and the alignment of our program with the 2013 standards. Dr. Hardy traveled to a AACSB conference in February to learn more about exactly what is needed and left to be completed. Also, list our reaffirmation on-site visit – 2019-2020. I'll select January of 2020 or February 2020 as some possible dates.
- **Carl Jones:**
 - The university is still in good financial position.
- **Greg Burke:**
 - Beatrice Attura named first-team Academic All-American. Joined on first team by players from Iowa, New Mexico, DePaul and Duke.
 - NCAA AASP year three evaluation visit to NSU campus will be May 31.
 - The Athletic Department plans to apply for a single year AASP grant for 2017-18.
 - The baseball opener was the best in recent memory with over 1,500 in attendance and a great atmosphere.
 - Softball opens its home season on May 8 versus Baylor University.
 - The Legends event will be moved to Natchitoches and held on May 6. Efforts are still being made to secure NSU alum and LSU head football coach Ed Orgeron to be the featured speaker.
 - A football season campaign is being planned and will be implemented within the next month.
 - The women's basketball team will open play in the Southland Conference tournament on Thursday morning versus Texas A&M Corpus Christi.
 - The biennial Scholarship Auction is scheduled for August 23.
 - A proposal for NSU and Natchitoches to continue hosting the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Cross Country Championship Meet must be submitted this spring.
 - The 13th annual "Chris Waddell Day" was held in honor of the former Demon player who passed away on March 1, 2004 during a light workout. All NSU football players went to local schools to meet with students, and this year were joined by NSU freshman Jourdan Waddell, Chris' first cousin, who was five years old at the time of his death.
- **Dana Clawson:**
 - Radiologic Science (BSRS) accreditation visit went extremely well. Received 5 commendations in reference to the quality of the program.
 - Psych Mental Health NP concentration will be proposed to LSBN in April.
 - The Rapides Foundation approved an additional \$500,000 to support the Psych Mental Health NP program. Only concern is the cost of faculty for the program.

- Huge needs: replacement of faculty/student computers and distance education equipment.
 - Live and Learn on Shreveport campus; LSUS housing discussed.
 - Presented to the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce 5-year economic impact of CONSAH graduates on Caddo/Bossier Parishes - \$53 million.
 - Working on agreement with Christus for the use of parking lot; will be presented to the ULS Board of Supervisors at the April meeting.
 - Construction to begin during spring break for the coffee shop on the Shreveport campus.
 - CONSAH participated in the Dragon Boat Races.
 - In 2017, CONSAH will have 12 faculty positions funded from outside sources.
 - Working on new program: EMT to RN.
 - Held open house and family night last week with good responses. Also held Mardi Gras student event.
- **Roni Biscoe:**
 - For the first time, A-term courses are being evaluated. The administration will end on March 10th. We are researching the possibility of evaluating summer courses. On another note, the Ruffalo Noel-Levitz Satisfaction Priorities Survey is being e-administered to all currently enrolled students. The survey is available the entire month of March. Please encourage your students to participate.
 - SACSCOC Visit: March 14th with Leadership Team Meeting from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. in Natchitoches Room of Russell Hall, and Exit Interview on March 16th from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at Chateau St. Denis.
- **Marcus Jones:**
 - Working on energy performance contract.
 - Traveled to the University of Veracruz to get agreement finalized.
 - Henry Beasley retiring at 28 years of service.
 - Looking to re-pave the parking lot at the Elementary Lab School.
- **Ron Wright:**
 - Finished Literary exams; results went out in 2 days; 4,000 exams were administered.
 - Looking at advising and retention-based software.
 - Working continuously on residence hall internet problems.
 - Waiting on new television service.
 - New campus mobile app may roll out next week.
 - Working on MyNSU next generation.
 - Freshman Connection registration open.
 - CLV housing 1,386 out of 1,468 rooms filled for the fall.
- **Darlene Williams:**
 - ECE completed applications and received notification of state authorization approval from the LA Board of Regents and NC-SARA.
 - Mass outreach effort to more than 1,200 regional businesses to promote programs.
 - Completed faculty professional development needs assessment.
 - Initiated division and unit institutional assessment effort.
 - Solidified MOU between the Joint Readiness Training Center and UAG Fort Polk and Leesville Ft. Polk for the Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP).
 - Alexandria staff engaging in collaborative effort to strengthen workforce partnerships in CENLA region.

- Engaging in continued support of Tunica-Biloxi Language and Culture Revitalization Program at Marksville.
 - The Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will host the LA Board of Regents Annual eLearning Conference on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in Baton Rouge.
 - Several video conferencing upgrades have been completed and others are being planned.
 - NSU is one of seven institutions selected by CAEL (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning) to participate in a pilot of the new Adult Focused Institution Assessment Tool.
 - Barksdale recognized by the USAF for its GEM (General Education Mobile) program that is currently serving 56 students.
- **Chris Maggio:**
 - Gave examples of how NSU students are being recognized for national awards including Beatrice Attura, Academic All American and Jessica Love, American Society of Radiologic Technologists Student Leadership Development Program.
 - Keypath: We are in the final stages of decision with Keypath. We are looking at all aspects, academically, financially, student services, IT, etc.
 - Reviewed Board of Regents response to Act 619.
 - Reviewed the Governor's initial budget – emphasized that it is a starting point, currently there are some reductions to TOPS and Higher Education but Governor has stressed that this is top priority to fully fund.
 - Mentioned currently that we have a healthy enrollment and recruiting for fall semester is going well.
 - We are in final review of a retention tool, early notification functionality.
 - Reviewed the importance and preparation of our on-site SACSCOC visit next week.
 - Previewed the important event for Thursday, March 9th; Legislative Priorities meeting, Dedication of Jimmy Long Student Services Center and Presidential Search Forum.
 - Reiterated the impact that the late Dr. Tom Paul Southerland had on NSU.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.