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IMPORTANT DATES

07/31/18: Performance Review Due in Workday

09/07/18: Board of Supervisors Meeting
10/04/18: Board of Supervisors Meeting
11/02/18: Board of Supervisors Meeting
12/07/18: Board of Supervisors Meeting

Master Plan Mobility Implementation

In May, the Master Plan Mobility Implementation Committee, with a cross section of student, faculty, and staff members, kicked-off the first of a series of meetings intended to develop a campus-wide mobility and parking implementation plan.

Initial tasks focus on developing a new LSU Mobility Policy, parking management program, audit of existing parking technologies, and initiation of a bicycle network, including "pilot" projects. The Committee's work will be closely supported by the consulting transportation team from the Comprehensive and Strategic Campus Master Plan effort plus national parking expert Julie Dixon of Dixon Resources Unlimited.

The overall goal is to implement improvements to parking, transit, access to remote parking, walking, biking and other forms of travel. Successful implementation directly supports the university's ability to realize the Master Plan vision for improved quality of life on campus, less congestion, more open space, and the addition of new learning spaces and state-of-the-art residence halls.

To support the campus community, the implementation plan will also identify improved transportation benefits for those who utilize sustainable forms of travel. This will include initiatives to support the soon-to-be-launched bike share and scooter share, Zipcar, carpooling, and where feasible, on-demand taxi services, such as Lyft and Uber. A successful mobility implementation plan outcome will support greater equity, choice, affordability, and convenience for students, faculty, and staff as they travel to, from, and around campus.

The implementation plan will be phased in over time. In the short to mid-term, initial mobility implementation projects will be closely coordinated with the completion of two major capital projects-Greenhouse District Housing and the Global Information Commons. Longer-term mobility implementation will include improved parking technology that streamlines the parking system and provides advance information on parking availability, better on-campus bicycle infrastructure, and improved walking connections to surrounding neighborhoods and student housing. This initiative is a direct outgrowth of the Master Plan and supports LSU's commitment to providing the best-in-class campus experience for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting initiative!

REMINDER: Email any information for the next newsletter to Ashley Territo at aterrito@lsu.edu.



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LSU GOLF COURSE

The LSU Golf Course is not just a place to perfect your golf swing this summer. It proved to be the perfect site for undergraduates Sarah Thomas and Layni LeBlanc to

locate subjects for their recent research project-turtle subjects. As part of Project EXPLORE (Experiential Professional Leadership Opportunities in Research and Extension),



a summer program under the College of Agriculture that allows undergraduate students to gain career skills and research experience, Thomas and LeBlanc were able to trap and sample turtles from the course's many lakes and canals.

Working under the guidance of Dr. Sabrina Taylor,



Associate Professor in the School of Renewable Natural Resources, the students were looking for the ideal sampling method for DNA quality and yield. They took mouth swabs of the

turtles from two locations in each turtle's mouth and drew a blood sample to look at three different types of DNA samples.

This study targeted five common species of turtles in Louisiana: Spiny Soft Shell, River Cooter, Red-Eared Slider, Mississippi Map Turtle, and Eastern Musk Turtle. Turtles were also measured and weighed to collect additional data and then returned safe and sound to canals and lakes around the golf course.

PROCUREMENT & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Inventory

LSU is currently 60% complete overall, with LSUA and LSUE nearly finished. Progress report emails have been sent this week to college/hierarchy-level administrators with each unit's current result, and highlighting cost centers that are behind. Please remind your organizations of the importance of diligence in locating all assets and completing the inventory timely. This year's certification deadline of October 31 will be strictly enforced, as Property Management needs time to review and research discrepancies prior to our certification in December.

Any department head or asset custodian may track the continued progress of their unit's inventory by clicking on the Track Progress tab in the inventory app, which is located at myLSU > Financial Services > Inventory Scanning Application.

CLICK HERE for full details of the new inventory process.

Percent Assets Inventoried as of 7/13/18: LSUAM-58%, LSU AG-62%, LSUA-97%, LSUE-95%

Procurement Expo for Master Contracts and Diverse Suppliers

300+ Suppliers will be represented at the upcoming Procurement Expo.

Location:

Pete Maravich Assembly Center (PMAC)

Date and Time:

September 19, 2018 10:00am-2:30pm September 20, 2018 9:00am-1:30pm



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Data Governance Working Group

The ability to effectively use institutional data is a critical competitive advantage to LSU. To assist in developing a structure for the use of data, the IT Governance Council has established the Data Governance Working Group (DGWG). The DGWG is charged with increasing data collaboration and access by defining the approach, designation, governance, metadata, and the information components of business processes. It will do this by creating a framework that supports data policies & standards, compliance & security, information quality, and architecture & integration. Two teams from the DGWG are actively meeting to deliver the following to the IT Governance Council by the end of December 2018 -business drivers, business principles, data principles, definition of the enterprise data repository, policies, and high level data standards. The DGWG has 24 members and five of those members come from Finance and Administration – representing Accounting Services, Human Resource Management, and Information Technology Services.

Student Systems Modernization Program

The Student Systems Modernization Program (Student Program) is a group of LSU IT projects that will implement a new, multi-institutional, unifying ERP (Geaux Forward) as well as associated integrated systems. The Student Program seeks to engage the LSU community in an inclusive and transparent manner with all of these projects. Over the past few months, the Student Program has worked with the LSU community to map the current state Student processes at 4 LSU institutions (LSUA, LSU A&M, LSUE, LSUS). In partnership with Transforming Solutions, Inc., the team executed 328 hours of working sessions in 164 meetings across 4 institutions to map 343 processes (LSUA=49, LSU A&M=183, LSUE=29, LSUS=82). At present, the team is conducting 'Day in the Life' sessions to better understand how various

stakeholders interact with Student administration software and processes, the frequency of these activities and the low of work between campus offices. The goal of these sessions is to better prepare the project team and the LSU community for the next steps of the implementation which include the definition of foundational elements (e.g., academic structure, programs of study and curriculum management), a deeper dive into Student lifecycle requirements and an initial definition of the student/community experience.

For more information on the implementation of the Student ERP, please visit the Geaux Forward website or contact geauxforward@lsu.edu.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Calling all volunteers for Move-in Day!

You can make a difference on Sunday, August 12, 2018, for on-campus residents by helping everyone navigate campus and get moved into their new homes. All current students, faculty and staff are invited to be a part of this rich LSU tradition.

Volunteer responsibilities range from directing traffic or moving boxes to greeting families and holding doors open. There's a task for every person!

You will receive an official Move in Crew t-shirt and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Shifts are Sunday, August 12, 2018, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CLICK HERE for to volunteer!



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AUXILIARY SERVICES

Union Theater

♦ Moscow Ballet returns to the LSU Union

Theater to perform the Great Russian Nutcracker – Dove of Peace Tour on Thursday, November 8 at



7:00 p.m. Don't miss out on this holiday tradition! Tickets are on sale now! Use promo code TIGER to receive a discount!

LSU Dining

- The Magnolia Room in the LSU Student Union will be coming online in August as another large-scale event room available for meetings. The space is being redesigned and will feature high-quality, dedicated audio visual and have the third largest capacity in the building behind the Theater and Royal Cotillion Ballroom. We encourage you to check it out for your next meeting or event!
- The food operation formerly in the Magnolia Room is moving across the street to the Club at Union Square fall semester. The Club will continue to offer table service dining in addition to the new buffet option.

Student Union

Bengal Bound is the official Welcome Week of LSU! Kicking off with Move-In Day on August 12th, the week will be jam-packed with opportunities for our brand new Tigers to get acclimated academically and socially. The LSU Student Union will be hosting several fun events and everyone is encouraged to get involved! Late Night LSU will be on Thursday, August 16th from 9:00 p.m. until midnight. If you are interested in hosting an activity for the new students or getting involved in any way, please contact Rachel Henry (rshenry@lsu.edu) for details.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Standardized Hiring Dates

Effective September 1, 2017, all new classified, professional, and other academic employees will be hired on the <u>first and third Monday</u> of each calendar month. New employees must be officially hired in Workday by these designated time frames. New employee orientation will be held in correspondence with the hire dates. New employees should attend orientation on their first day of employment. In the event the date falls on a holiday, the employee will be hired on the following Tuesday.

<u>Upcoming Dates:</u> August 6th and 20th, September 4th and 17th

ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Tax Change Related to Relocation/Moving Expenses

Effective January 1, 2018, all moving expenses paid or reimbursed beginning January 1, 2018, regardless if reimbursed to an employee or paid to a vendor on behalf of an employee, are considered taxable income to the employee. However, moving expenses associated with moving lab supplies, equipment or other essentials are not taxable. For questions, please contact Arianna Elwell at acreech@lsu.edu or at 578-6052.

STAFF CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Steve Waller for celebrating 20 years with LSU!

Thank you for your service!





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LSU POLICE

- Officers Stacy Ensell and Thomas Schiebe successfully completed the 2-week basic police motorcycle operation course that began May 14th. They will continue training under senior motorcycle officers for the next 2 months, where they will learn how to safely maneuver on the campus and city roadways. The LSU Police motorcycle division was established in 1996, Ofc. Ensell is the first female LSU Police officer to complete the course.
- LSU Police is currently in the selection process to fill 2 positions in the Community Outreach and Canine Division. Selected officers will attend 7 weeks of training with their explosive ordinance detection canine partners (EOD dogs). The officers and their canines will serve on the LSU Police outreach team by attending public events and interacting with the LSU Community daily. These teams will also perform searches prior to large sporting events, concerts and many other events on campus that will help ensure the safety of those in attendance.
- On May 30, 2018, Ofc. Andrew Palermo was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the Baton Rouge Police Department for his exemplary actions on the night of November 6th, 2017. While working a special assignment with the Baton Rouge Police Department, Ofc. Palermo witnessed 3 subjects run from an apartment armed with rifles. Ofc. Palermo and the Baton Rouge Police officers confronted the subjects and were able to take one of the subjects into custody immediately. The other 2 subjects ran back into the apartment where they held 4 people hostage. Ofc. Palermo and the other officers then secured the scene, ensuring the safety of other residents, until the Baton Rouge Police Special Response Team was able to arrive and eventually take the other 2 subjects into custody.



College Colors Day

The fourteenth annual College Colors Day celebration will take place on Friday, August 31, 2018. College Colors Day is a fun, casual Friday where people are encouraged to wear officially licensed collegiate products of their favorite institution. For additional information on this national collegiate celebration, please visit www.collegeColorsDay.com.



125 Seasons of LSU Football

The 2018 LSU football season will mark the 125th season that the Fighting Tigers have fielded a football team. LSU began playing football in 1893 and has competed in each subsequent season with the exception of 1918 (World War I). The LSU 125 Seasons logo will be used extensively by LSU Athletics to celebrate this historic milestone throughout the 2018 LSU football season.