

MEMORANDUM:

To: University Community

From: Dr. Robert T. Smith, Chancellor

Date: February 20, 2026

Re: Agenda – Feb 23, 2026, LPC Meeting

The LSUS Planning Council will meet on Monday, February 23, 2026, 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.

1. Chancellor, Chair: Robert T. Smith
2. Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: Helen Taylor
3. Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration: Shelby Keith
4. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs: Demetrius Brown
5. Associate Provost: Helen Wise
6. Chief of Staff: Kim Ramsey
7. Associate Vice Chancellor for Community Engagement: Kenna Franklin (absent)
8. Faculty Senate President (or Assign): College of Education & Human Development: Cassandra Williams (absent)
9. Faculty Representative: College of Business: David Fowler
10. Faculty Representative: College of Arts & Sciences: Jorji Jarzabek
11. Dean of Graduate Studies: Sanjay Menon
12. Dean, College of Business: Mary Lois White
13. Dean, College of Arts & Sciences: Tibor Szarvas
14. Dean, College of Education & Human Development: Allen Grant
15. Dean, Noel Memorial Library: Brian Sherman
16. Senior Associate Vice Chancellor/Dean of Students: Paula Atkins
17. SGA President (or Assign): Devesh Sarda (absent)
18. Staff Senate Representative (or Assign): Business or Student Affairs: Angela Burton
19. Chief Information Officer: Scott Hardwick
20. Director, Human Resources: Robert Lindsey
21. Director of Alumni Development: Jazmin Jernigan (absent)
22. Director, University Athletics: Lucas Morgan (absent)

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

- Executive Director, LSUS Foundation: Laura Perdue (absent)
- Director, Media and Public Relations: Erin Smith
- Executive Assistant to the Chancellor: Brandy Hayse

1. Welcome and remarks (Smith)

Chancellor Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared an infographic from the Educational Advisory Board showing that LSUS is the 3rd-fastest-growing public regional university in the country.

Standout Growth: Regional Public Edition

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Enrollment Outperformers Tend to...



Leverage favorable geography



Scale access through online, flexible options



Expand applied, workforce-aligned programs



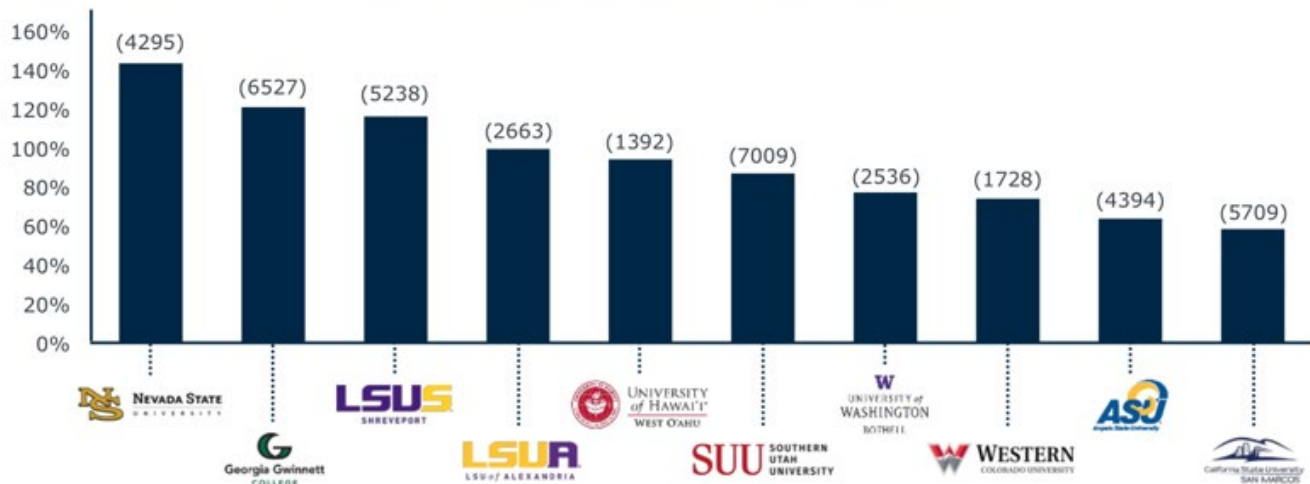
Brand around value, regional relevance



Target overlooked or underserved markets

Top 10 Growing Regional Publics¹

Percent Change in Total Enrollment (Undergraduate and Graduate), 2010-2023



Chancellor Smith stated that the LSU system is going through some reorganization that will not impact LSUS directly. LSU President Rousse has created a new system Cabinet that will meet for the first time on Thursday. This Cabinet will include the Chancellors of LSUS, LSUA, and LSUE. Noting the Cabinet is a positive sign.

2. Approval of minutes from January 22, 2026 LPC meeting

The minutes from the LPC meeting on January 22, 2026 were approved as distributed.

3. Residence Halls (Brown)

Demi Brown reported on the status of adding residence halls to campus. Stating that residence halls will help support campus events and conferences, as well as athletics. We are only looking at single occupancy to support student requests. Temporary faculty housing, a multi-purpose room for medium-sized meetings, and a basic needs shop are all part of the plan. Gathering spaces are a priority. There will also be covered spaces for gathering on the outside of the building. Demi added that we are looking at public and private partnerships for funding.

Sanjay Menon asked where the funding for the residence halls will come from. Chancellor Smith stated that we are looking into P3 – Public Private Partnership funding, but are also hoping that the Legislature will provide some funding. Adding, we want to get funding quickly, and P3 is the quickest option.

Dalila Salazar Morningstar asked about cost consideration for double occupancy to help with the cost for students. Demi Brown stated that the cost difference for single occupancy is minimal and that students want their own space. All student feedback supports single occupancy. We do not have price points yet, but we plan to keep

housing as affordable as possible.

Allen Grant asked about dining in the residence halls. Demi Brown stated we are looking at doing renovations to The Port to support food needs, as well as a convenience store in the residence hall. Each unit will have a kitchenette, and a full kitchen will be located on every floor of the residence hall.

Trish Farnsworth-Smith stated that we will develop some strategic plans for meal plans when we have students on-campus full-time.

4. American Campus Health Association (ACHA) - Findings/Recommendations (Brown and Atkins)

Demi Brown and Puala Atkins reported on the ACHA findings and recommendations for establishing on-campus student health services.

Foundations

- Recurrent theme:
 - “Widespread-to-unanimous support for an on on-campus student health center.”
- Health Priorities and Needs Assessment
 - Continue to assess our community.
 - In-person students and nearby online students
 - ACHA National College Health Assessment
- Leadership Structure
 - Executive Director of Health and Wellness (approved)
 - Oversees: Student Health Center, Counseling Center, Health Education (Health Educator – approved)

Model, Scope, and Staffing

- Focus the on-campus health center on high-demand, high-impact services (flu clinics, basic routine care, preventative care, acute care, women’s health services, basic point-of-care laboratory testing, and basic vaccinations).
- Common OTC medications + limited Rx medications
- Possible Staffing
 - Full-time nurse practitioner
 - Faculty physician/resident from LSUHSS
 - RN, LPN, or MA to support NP/physician
 - Office manager
 - Student workers
- Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

Opportunities for Collaboration

- Integrated services on campus
 - Health, Counseling, and Wellness Education
- LSUHSS
 - Family Medicine Residency Program
 - Sports Medicine
 - Psychiatry
- LSUS academic partners
 - Nursing, Counseling, Psychology, and Public Health
- International Student Support Services
- LSUS Foundation (donor support)
- Local health agencies

Other Recommendations

- Create adequate space for the new Student Health Center
 - Long term goal: Co-locate all campus health, counseling, and wellness offices in a single facility.
- Record-sharing among health, counseling, sports medicine.
 - Potential clinical site in the LSUHS Epic system
- Utilize assessment and research to determine needs and create evidence-informed programs.
- Focus on marketing TimelyCare.
- Create marketing plans for parents and families, specific student demographics (women, international students, etc.).

Anne Marie Bruner Tracey asked about the timeline for these services. Paula Atkins stated that we are working on getting positions filled. Demi Brown added that we are accumulating funds from the student fee to open the clinic.

Jorji Jarzabek asked if insurance would be part of the process. Paula Atkins said not at this time. All services will be covered by the student fee, and hired doctors will have liability insurance through the Health Science Center.

5. Update from Academic Deans on hiring status (Taylor)

Helen Taylor reported that we have had a lot of faculty candidates on campus and asked the Academic Deans to report on the hiring status for their colleges.

Dean Tibor Szarvas reported on the 12 searches for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dean Mary Lois White reported on the 9 searches for the College of Business.

Dean Allen Grant reported on the 11 searches for the College of Education and Human Development

Sherri Bohannon asked about the Ed.D Program and if Dr. Baxter was being replaced upon his retirement. Dean Grant stated that Dr. Baxter will be returning to faculty, and this position will be filled.

Helen Taylor thanked everyone who has helped with these hiring processes.

6. Review of new/revised policies (Ramsey)

Kim Ramsey reported on the Web Accessibility Policy, PS-120 Information Security Program Policy, PS-121 Acceptable Use Policy, PS-122 Risk Management Policy, and PS-123 Personnel Policy.

Scott Hardwick discussed the requirements of the Web Accessibility Policy. This policy must be published by March 31, 2026 for LSUS to be web accessibility compliant.

Scott Hardwick stated that these policies are in response to PM 36.

Rob Lindsey asked about PS-123 relating to HR. Scott Hardwick stated that this policy will have an HR component.

Kim Ramsey stated these policies will be sent to the Faculty and Staff Senates for feedback. All other feedback, please send to her directly.

7. Updates from Cabinet and other Administrative Officers

Shelby Keith gave an update on the Governor's Executive Budget. LSUS is expecting a 3% cut, which is about \$360,000. Shelby Keith also gave updates on all ongoing and upcoming projects.

Lucas Morgan announced that LSUA will be hosting the men's and women's basketball conference tournament and the Athletics Hall of Fame will be on March 7th.

Kim Ramsey reported that the legislative session begins March 9th and will run through June 1st. Adding, we will be tracking the bills as they are being read. If anyone has any questions about any bills, please reach out. Kim stated that she and the Chancellor are meeting with our legislators and submitting funding requests.

Demi Brown asked his team to introduce the new hires for Student Affairs.

Shelley Moore announced Even Harris as the new Assistant Director of Recruitment

Matthew Culpepper announced Ricki Rebollar-Becerra as the new Director of Student Life.

Helen Taylor reported that LSUS took 20+ people down to the Meauxmentum Summit. Centralized Advising will begin in March. Faculty will no longer advise students; professional advisors will take this over with centralized advising. At Thursday's Board of Supervisors meeting, the undergraduate degree in Healthcare Administration will be up for approval, and the name changes for the College of Education and Human Development.

Helen Wise reported on the open positions for Academic Affairs. Chief Online Learning Officer, Coordinator of

Institutional Effectiveness, and an Analyst of Institutional Research.

Scott Hardwick discussed upcoming trainings for AI.

Sanjay Menon reminded everyone about the Regional Scholars Forum on April 3rd.

Rob Lindsey announced that HR has a state Civil Service file audit going on, and they may be reaching out for items requested. Rob reminded everyone of the Juneteenth holiday and thanked everyone who spent time on annual planning sessions and evaluations.

Leigh Chambers thanked everyone who judged at the Social Studies Fair.

Dalila Salazar Morningstar asked about the outreach we have for students who have family in conflict zones. Anne Marie Bruner Tracey stated that none of our F1 visa students are from those areas. Dalila Salazar Morningstar recommended that our Counseling Services reach out to our students who identify with these areas.

Chancellor Smith announced Kenetria Smith as the new Assistant to the Chancellor's Office. Adding, she will support Student Affairs, The Center for NWLA Impact, and the Chancellor's Office.

8. Off-agenda items
9. Comments from the audience
10. Next scheduled LPC meeting: March 19, 2026
11. Adjournment