

## **Council of Faculty Advisors Report**

**September 8, 2022**

- 1) First, the faculty wish to thank Chairperson Starnes and welcome chairperson Jones. Faculty look forward to continued outreach from the Board of Supervisors to faculty across the system.
- 2) The LSU Agricultural Center and College of Agriculture faculty welcome Dr. Matt Lee as interim VP of Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture.
- 3) The faculty of LSU A&M express concerns about parking restrictions associated with sports events. While advance notice is given, faculty and staff are prevented from accessing parking. This interferes with research and teaching activities. The faculty request that faculty be given priority parking as necessary to continue their work. Notably, the LSU A&M campus has some of the highest parking fees in the SEC.
- 4) The faculty once again renew their request for a report on the investigation of system pay disparities. At last report, a commercial entity was hired to complete an investigation and results were to be available last spring. Faculty request information on the findings.
- 5) Faculty are once again requesting that the graduate student tuition remission be reconsidered. The practice of “taxing” student stipends supported by external funding is counterintuitive and questionable. That is, those who secure funding to pay graduate student stipends are compelled to pay an additional nearly 40% to our LSU. The practice is not well explained, uniformly applied, nor accountable in that there is no reporting of where the funds go. Faculty request that the practice be reconsidered and revised to support competitive graduate student stipends and our research mission. Further, those who pay the “tax” want individual statements that include totals of their payments and annual reports of the cumulative funds and their distribution.
- 6) LSU Health New Orleans 15 faculty and 15 staff members will receive a Chancellor’s excellence award at a townhall meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>.