

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting-Agenda
9:30 AM, Friday July 14, 2023
Room 212, J. Efferson Hall



Call to Order

Invited Guests

Dr. Matt Lee, Vice President of Agriculture/Dean, College of Agriculture

1. Administrative/Legislative Update
2. LSU System/AgCenter Budget Clarification
 - a. What is the incremental increase to the AgCenter budget for 2023-2024 relative to 2022-2023?
 - b. Is it accurate that \$11 million was provided by the legislature in addition to the legislative “ask”?
 - c. What is the priority plan for dispersal of any incremental funds? Will it be faculty driven, unit driven, commodity group driven, ROI driven etc.
 - d. What is a continuing authorization for the two building renovations listed?
 - e. Overall, budget breakdown and clarification for the information contained in President Tate’s AgCenter funding notification?
3. Organizational Structure
 - a. Thoughts on the administrative structure going forward in terms of regions and their directors. Will the organization continue with this model long-term?
 - b. Will faculty with research appointments in the field continue to report to the RD or will they eventually be made to report to the Dean of COA or their discipline department head on campus?
4. Global Network
 - a. Shuttered?
 - b. Are there plans for an AgCenter international support function for faculty?
5. Unit Head Performance Review Instrument

Appropriate Person to Respond?

1. Competitive Funding Proposal Issues
 - a. Often, federal agencies and review panels cannot conceptualize trying to run a program without longer term institutional support.
 - b. At what point can faculty members to tell the AgCenter that it’s not reasonable to manage large numbers of people without additional permanent hard-money support?

- c. Actual federal not-funded grant proposal review comments:
 - i. Extension associate is too expensive.
- d. It seems like this capacity is already available at the institution. Not enough justification is provided for why this individual needs to be hired.
- e. Why is an extension associate needed in the project? This item accounts for a large share of the budget.
- f. It is unclear how the program will sustain itself beyond the single year of funding. Will Louisiana Extension carry the program forward once established? **This is a major concern.**
[the review had this bolded].

Dr. Mike Salassi, Executive Associate VP and Director for the La. Agricultural Experiment Station

- 1. Update on research station equipment and external funding.

Dr. Tara Smith, Executive Associate VP and Director for the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service

Ashley Gautreaux, Assistant Vice President; Department, Human Resource Management

- 1. Policy project update

Dr. Fred Piazza, Chief Information Officer, LSU AgCenter

- 1. "Pain-Point" Committee-LSU AgCenter IT and LSU A&M ITS collaboration for jointly appointed faculty members. Committee Members:

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Each faculty member was asked to describe their experiences working within and between each IT ecosystem, highlighting their difficulties with as much description as possible. They were also asked to communicate with as many of their colleagues as was reasonable to gather additional input. That information was collected, and five common issues were identified:

Issue 1 | LSU Broadcast Emails:

- LSU Broadcast emails (from offices such as the President, Provost, etc.) are not automatically sent to all joint employees, so these messages are not always received by the intended recipient.
- Actions:
 - o Hampton Grunewald organized a meeting with LSU A&M Strategic Communications to discuss ways to improve the process of delivering broadcast emails managed by their unit. These conversations are ongoing.
 - o Similar meetings will be held for other LSU A&M groups that send broadcast emails including Academic Affairs, Accounting Services, etc.

Issue 2 | Multiple IDs & Passwords:

- Having multiple IDs and passwords (one for each campus) causes confusion and additional burdens.
- Actions:
 - o An LSU System-wide initiative is currently underway that would enable each campus to use their IDs and passwords to access services at other campuses thus potentially eliminating the need for multiple user IDs and passwords. This is a multi-year initiative.

Issue 3 | IT Support Routing:

- IT-related problems and/or support tickets are not seamlessly routed to the correct IT shop and/or individuals (LSU ITS vs AgCenter IT) resulting in confusion and inefficiencies.
- Actions:
 - o AgCenter IT and LSU ITS are in the process of investigating ways to seamlessly pass IT support issues between campuses to reduce confusion and hassle.

Issue 4 | Access to LSU IT Resources:

- Faculty and staff who serve functions for LSU A&M do not have the full set of LSU IT resources available by default (Box, Zoom, etc.)
- Actions:
 - o LSU ITS is reassessing the process for determining access to these resources.

Issue 5 | Inconsistent Policies between Campuses:

- Policies and procedures vary between the campuses causing confusion.
- Actions:
 - o Time did not permit a discussion of this topic item; however, all campuses of the LSU System are rewriting campus-level security policies to comply with LSU PM-36. There is hope that these policies will be similar at each campus.

Organizational Matters

1. Reminder-Council “**Monthly Moments**” Goes to ALL AgCenter and ALL CoA after each meeting.

Old Business

1. Motion to accept the minutes from the June 16, 2023 LSU AFC meeting.

Reports

New Business

Remaining 2023 Meeting Dates

January 20
February 17
March 17
~~April 21~~ (Cancelled)
May 26

June 16
July 14
August 18
September 15
October 20

November 17
December 13 8:30 a.m.-
10:00 a.m. (Current and
New Members)

Adjourn