

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting-Agenda
9:30 AM, Friday, January 19, 2024
Room 214, J. Efferson Hall



Call to Order

Attendance

In-person

Online

Absent

Invited Guests

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

1. Vision and Broad Plans for the AgCenter and College of Agriculture
2. Political Connections Update/Plans (Legislature, Governor's Office)
3. Unit Head Evaluation (for 2022)
4. AgCenter DEI strategy

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

Dr. Tara Smith, Assoc. Vice President & Director LAES Administration (Provided notes):

1. LCES Extension Internship is advertised. 20 slots are available. Undergraduate and Graduate students are eligible to participate. More information can be found here: <https://www.lsuagcenter.com/extintern>
2. We are advertising for Extension Administration Intern that will have primary responsibilities working with the internship program and will also work on a special extension related project in an area of their training / interest.
3. We are actively planning a statewide Extension Summit that will be held on November 13-14, 2024. This will be a professional development and networking conference for faculty with an extension appointment (any extension appointment). More details will be shared once available.
4. Mandatory on-boarding for all extension faculty (agents and professorial rank) will be required beginning in 2024. This will be in addition to HR orientation. We are working to plan two on-boarding opportunities, one in June and one in December. All faculty hired will be required to participate in one of these one-day on-boarding events.

Dr. Mike Salassi, Exec. Assoc. Vice President & Director LAES Administration (Provided notes):

Dr. Fred Piazza, Director, LSU AgCenter Information Technology (Provided notes):

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 has reassessed the process for determining access to these resources and now plan to give all individuals with a joint appointment between campuses access by default. Those who are not jointly appointed but have valid needs for access will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. There is no official timeline for this change, but they hope to have something in place before the end of this fiscal year.

New & Rotating-off Ag Faculty Council Members

New Members (2024-2026)

Arayna, Kayanush (Kai)	Full Professor	Research	On-Campus	Nutrition & Food Science
Gautreaux, Becky	Agent	Extension	Off- campus	Parish Chair, Lafourche Parish
Kirk-Ballard, Heather	Assistant Professor	Research	On-Campus	School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences (SPESS)
McCarter, Kevin	Associate Professor	Research	On-Campus	Experimental Statistics
Newsome, Brittney	Agent	Extension	Off- campus	Richard Parish
Roberts, Richie	Associate Professor	Extension	On-Campus	Ag & Extension, Education, and Eval.

Rotating Off the Council

Afton, William	Associate	Agent	Extension	Off- campus	St. Tammany Parish
Miller, Donnie	Full/Associate	Full Professor	Research	Off- campus	Northeast Research Station
Sathivel, Subramaniam	Full/Associate	Full Professor	Research	On-Campus	Nutrition & Food Science
Stair, Kristin	Full/Associate	Full Professor	Extension	On-Campus	Ag & Extension, Education, and Eval.

Old Business

1. Motion to accept the minutes from the December 13, 2023, LSU AFC meeting.

New Business

1. Chair & Vice-Chair Elections
2. AFC 2024
 - a. Initiatives
 - b. Priorities
 - c. Tactics
 - i. Improve communication with faculty members
 - ii. Develop campus-wide recognition
 - d. Should the Council take positions regarding major issues influencing all faculty members (e.g. DEI, salary issues, need for structure in international programs).

2024 Meeting Dates – 9:30am-1:00pm/Room 214 Efferson Hall or Teams

Dates-For Discussion at January 19 meeting.

January 19	July 19	First Day of Annual Conference 8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. (Current and New Members)
February 16	August 16	
March 22	September 13	
April 19	October 18	
May 10	November 15	
June 14		

Adjourn