

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting-*Agenda*
9:30 AM, Friday, February 16, 2024
Room 212, J. Efferson Hall



Call to Order

Attendance

Invited Guests

Hampton Grunewald, Associate Vice President, Office of the Vice President for Agriculture

1. General admin updates
2. Upcoming legislative session

Tara Smith, Executive Associate Vice President, Director Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service

1. The livestock show is in full swing. Over 3,600 youth validated just over 8,600 animals this year. The show ends with a recognition ceremony this Saturday evening.
2. Agents are holding advisory meetings around the state.
3. We have a statewide PC training on February 29th.
4. Extension onboarding has been scheduled for June 11th and December 5th. More details to follow.
5. Several positions are in motion. Vegetable specialist closes this week. Offer process is in motion for Precision Ag Specialist and Cotton, Corn, Grain Sorghum Specialist.
6. Jon Carr was hired as the new 4-H Foundation Executive Director, he started today. He brings a wealth of experience from the LSU foundation, and we are excited to move our 4-H portfolio forward.

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

Old Business

1. Agricultural Faculty Council 2024 Elections:
 - a. Chair: Rich Vlosky
 - b. Vice-Chair: Carol Friedland
 - c. Executive Secretary: Becky Gautreaux

2. Council Member Input
 - a. Where to bring issues from faculty and students that prior went to the faculty Policy Committee that doctor Richardson created. Most council members agreed that we should voice concerns and questions from our constituents and bring them up to VP Lee and the rest of the faculty council. As a council if there is an issue that needs a resolution from us, we will send one to the appropriate leader.

 - b. At the January meeting, a council member referenced a letter received from Dr. Bill Richardson. It isn't in the council archives. Can someone please send the letter to Rich Vlosky?

New Business – Council Member Input

1. What about best practices on how to work with the best practices service units and see if we can get an Advisory Council started or a way where people can voice their concerns.

2. Conduct Service Unit Survey?

3. One point that was raised by faculty concerns the faculty evaluation. It states specifically that people with no teaching appointment should not fill out the teaching section. However, many of us 100% AgCenter people teach modules or co-teach. If someone goes above and beyond their appointment to fill the needs of the department- this should be reported and acknowledged. My department head agrees that he wants to see this in the Annual Evaluation. Apparently, there are some sections in the extension part that have the same restrictions. It would be better to change the wording in the instructions to “optional for people with no teaching appointment” instead of “ONLY people with teaching appointment.”

2024 Meeting Dates – 9:30am-1:00pm/Room 212 Efferson Hall or Teams

January 19	May 10	September 13
February 16	June 14	October 18
March 22	July 19	November 15
April 19	August 16	

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