

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting-Agenda
9:30 AM, Friday, October 25, 2024
Room 212, J. Efferson Hall



Call to Order

Attendance

In-person

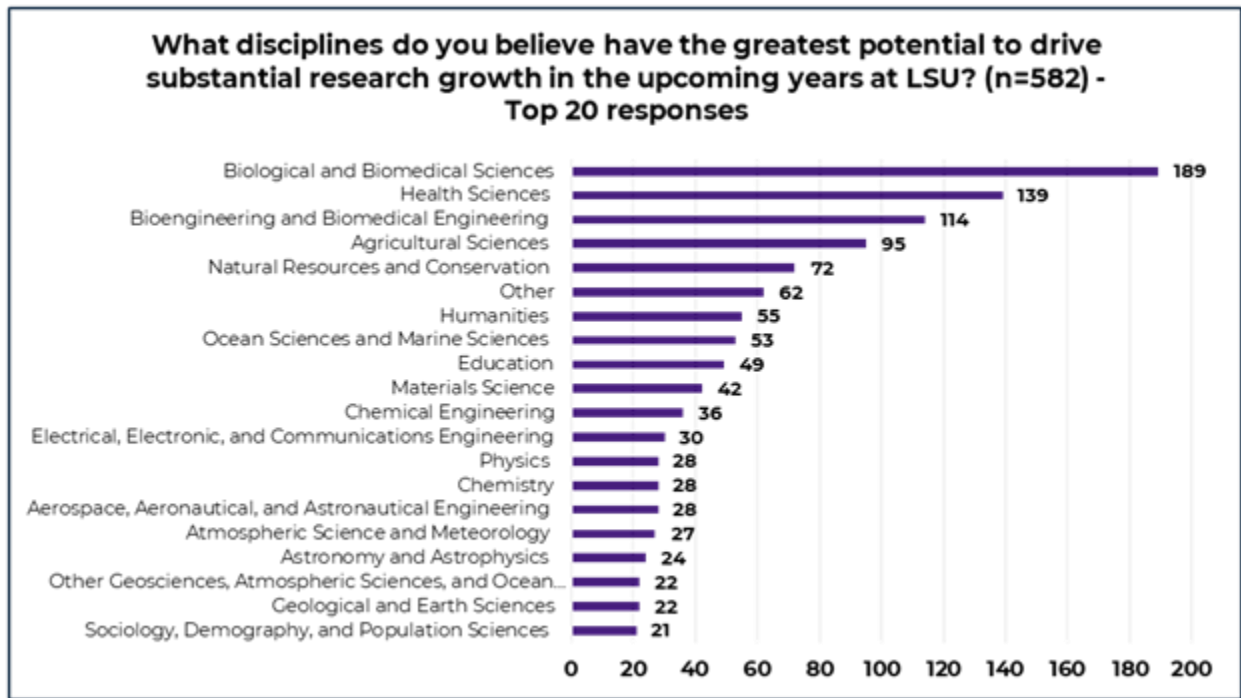
Online

Absent

Invited Guests

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

1. Updates
2. In July, you should have received a survey requesting your perspectives on the current state of research at your campus, as well as current and potential future growth areas to achieve LSU’s research growth goals. Based on responses from faculty across the five research campuses as illustrated in the graph below showing the Top 20, 76% of respondents identified biological/biomedical, health sciences, and bioengineering as the top three areas to drive sustainable research growth. Agriculture and Natural Resources also stood out as focus areas according to faculty.



As we move into Phase 2 of this project, our focus is on developing new research initiatives that will expand LSU's research programs in alignment with Pentagon Priorities. We are seeking input from faculty to help shape these initiatives. Campus leadership has been tasked with developing a series of potential research areas, and we are asking for your feedback to guide their development.

These initiatives will be evaluated against the following considerations:

1. Impact on [AAU metrics](#)
2. Impact on the quality of life and inclusive economic growth in Louisiana
3. Potential to garner external, particularly federal funding
4. Complement to existing LSU strengths and facilities
5. Impact on student and faculty recruitment and retention
6. Relevance to institutional goals
7. Institutional readiness
8. Involvement of more than one campus
9. Opportunity for philanthropic success

3. Stakeholder Questions

- a. One thing we need to prioritize and take lead on as a council is this AAU initiative. It is an initiative that is President driven, not faculty driven. As such I am not sure how many faculty in the AgCenter have a good grasp of AAU and what it means to have this as a guiding "force."
- b. What is going to be required of each of our programs under the AAU model?
- c. What happens if our program for whatever reason does not fit under the AAU model?
- d. Is there a service component under the AAU model?? In the email Matt sent listing the areas of focus, student and faculty was not mentioned until #5.
- e. How will commodity and ANR funding groups be viewed in this model?
- f. Will our programs be nudged more to Federal Funds on futuristic projects that yield results 20 years down the road at the sake of current clientele/stakeholder needs that are a source of funding?

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

1. Policy updates

Dr. Mike Salassi, Exec. Assoc. Vice President & Director LAES Administration

1. No Updates

LCES Updates – October 25

- October is National 4-H Month, National Urban Extension Month and National Farm to School Month.
- President's Scholarship Bus Tour highlighted stops at the Sweet Potato Research Station and the Louisiana National Shooting Sports Winning Team last week, as well as several other agricultural related stops.
- Dr. Todd Tarifa is serving as Interim Associate Director of Youth Development
- Dr. Kim Williams is serving as Interim Assistant 4-H Department Head
- Mr. Cade LeJeune has been selected to serve as the Executive Director of LA FFA
- The Executive Secretary of FFA position is advertised
- Leandro O. Vieira II started work September 1st as a statewide soils specialist for specialty crops.
- Interviews are ongoing for the Community Economic Development Statewide Specialist Position.
- Interviews have been completed for the Weed Science Horticulture position to be domiciled at the Hammond Research Station
- Vegetable Specialist interviews are being scheduled
- Consumer Horticulture position will be advertised soon
- Extension weed science specialist (agronomic crops) is advertised
- Wildlife specialist position has been advertised
- Extension Seed Grant proposals are due November 1, 2024 (up to 20, \$5,000 proposals will be funded)
- The 2025 Extension Annual Report is in preparation
- Extension marketing materials (pop up banners) have been mailed to all parish and regional offices
- Testimonial videos for extension have been created and are posted on the extension site on lsuagcenter.com
- Final preparations are underway for the Extension Summit
- More than 1,500 people attended the 2nd annual LA Homesteaders Conference recently held at the Red River Research Station
- The annual Louisiana Farm to School Conference gathered over 250 participants from across the state for an opportunity to learn, celebrate, share and inspire the movement of bringing healthy, local, sustainably grown foods to the minds and plates of students in Louisiana and beyond on October 2nd.
- The LSU AgCenter LaHouse Research and Education Center has been awarded two grants aimed at addressing critical flood insurance and environmental challenges faced by Louisiana's coastal communities. These projects will provide essential insights into the future of flood insurance under FEMA's Risk Rating 2.0 system and explore the flood insurance implications of the 2023 Coastal Master Plan.

- The LaHouse Research and Education Center has been awarded \$1.5 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop a software prototype aimed at reducing flood risk across Louisiana.

NCH is meeting to work on a strategic plan for the next five years.

4-H Youth Development and FFA Specific

- Colton Conley made it to the final round of the National Officer Selection Process at the National FFA meeting that is going on now. We will find out if he is elected on Saturday afternoon.
- All three of our speakers, Prepared, Creed, and Extemporaneous, advanced to the national semifinals. They are competing right now. If they make the top four, they move on to the finals this afternoon and tomorrow.
- Congratulations to the Lafayette 4-H Meat Judging Team who represented Louisiana 4-H in Manhattan, Kansas at the National 4-H Meat Judging and Identification Contest. They placed 4th as a team in Beef Judging, and 1st and 2nd place in individual Beef Judging.
- Ag Magic at the State Fair is under way.
- Ag Magic CENLA will be held November 20-21, 2024
- We are excited to announce the 2024 Louisiana 4-H/FFA Bash on the Bayou, scheduled for November 23, 2024! The tailgate will take place at the 4-H Mini Farm on the LSU campus. Once the game time is confirmed, we will announce the official tailgate time.

ANR Specific

- Statewide agent pesticide safety recertification meeting held October 24, 2024
- Precision Ag Summit scheduled for January 23, 2024
- Ag Outlook Conference scheduled for January 14, 2025
- Extension Roundtable discussions were recently held with agronomic and horticulture faculty (agents and professorial rank). I will be meeting with forestry, wildlife and natural resources in December.

Dr. Fred Piazza, Chief Information Officer

AgCenter IT Update for Faculty Council:

Single Sign-on:

To reduce complications with multiple user accounts and passwords, LSU A&M ITS plans to implement authentication changes for Workday.

Beginning December 6th, 2024, users will no longer be presented with an authentication selection option for LSUAM and non-LSUAM users. Users will instead be directed to an authentication page directly, where users will utilize their respective campus' account to access Workday. For example, LSU AgCenter employees will use their AgCenter accounts (ending with @agcenter.lsu.edu) to access Workday.

The following GROK article provides information regarding the user experience -

<https://grok.lsu.edu/Article.aspx?articleid=20419>

Old Business

1. 2025-2027 Election Results

Burnett, Michael	Full/Associate	Full Professor		On-Campus	2026	Ag & Ext., Educ., and Eval.	Research Methods, Design & Analysis	mburnett@agcenter.lsu.edu	(225) 405-7945
Wolfe, Brett	Assistant	Assistant Professor	Research	On-Campus	2026	Renewable Natural Resources	Tree ecophysiology	bwolfe@agcenter.lsu.edu	(225) 348-6419
Afton, William	Associate	Agent	Extension	Off-campus	2027	St. Tammany Parish		wafton@agcenter.lsu.edu	(225) 205-1032
Aita, Giovanna	Full	Prof	Research	Off-campus	2027	Audubon Sugar Institute	Biomass Conversion	gaita@agcenter.lsu.edu	(225) 202-7977
Duhon, Jennifer	Associate	Agent	Extension	Off-Campus	2027	Rapides & Avoyelles Parishes	Nutrition and Community Health	jduhon@agcenter.lsu.edu	(337) 331-2005
Lutz, Greg	Full/Associate	Full Professor	Research	On-Campus	2027	Renewable Natural Resources	Aquaculture	glutz@agcenter.lsu.edu	(225) 223-0371
Miller, Donnie	Full	Prof	Research	Off-campus	2027	Northeast Research Station	Weed Management	dmiller@agcenter.lsu.edu	(318) 614-4044
Prashant, Jha	Full/Associate	Full Professor	Research	On-Campus	2027	Plant, Environmental, & Soil Sciences	Weed Science	pjha@agcenter.lsu.edu	(406) 647-1427
Richards, Jonathan	Full/Associate	Associate Professor	Research	On-Campus	2027	Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology	Host-Pathogen Interactions	jrichards@agcenter.lsu.edu	(218) 234-5312

New Business

1. Carol Friedland-LaHouse Director, got invited today to submit a full proposal for the \$160 million NSF Engine.
2. AgCenter IT should do a better job of informing people about the “fix” it took a long time for me to track down the information I needed to access LSU Library. And that was working directly with ITS and AgCenter IT. Apparently the man in the know at AC IT is Antwan. If one is using an AgCenter computer and has major AgCenter appointment, they need the workaround. If one is majority AgCenter appt and using an AgCenter owned computer they need **work around** to access things like the library or teaching evals. Access to workday and Moodle is already routed, *but not other A&M service Center’s one might want to use.*

AgCenter Access to LSU Library System-A “Work Around”

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
2. At the top right, click More  > **New Incognito Window**.
3. A new window appears. In the top corner, check for the Incognito icon .

You can also use a keyboard shortcut to open an Incognito window:

- Windows, Linux, or Chrome OS: Press **Ctrl + Shift + n**.
- Mac: Press **⌘ + Shift + n**.

You can switch between Incognito windows and regular Chrome windows. You will only browse in private when you are using an Incognito window.

Third-party cookies are blocked in Incognito by default. You can change this at any time from the toggle on the Incognito new tab page or Chrome settings.

2024 Meeting Dates

January 19
February 16
March 22
April 19
May 10

June 14
July 19
August 23
September 13
October 18

November 15
December 13 (Current
and New Members)

Adjourn

