

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting-*Agenda*
9:30 AM, Friday, January 17, 2025
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

AgCenter/COA Updates

Stakeholder Questions

1. There are rumors about a campuswide “space audit”. What is the purpose? How will it be conducted? What are the criteria for assessment? Do people need to be nervous about reallocation of space?
2. What are the implications of the move to “Workday Student”? Any difficulties to be expected with the transition? There are some “posttraumatic workday transition” memories among the faculty.

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

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

1. Policy Updates
2. Other

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

In 2025 we will be focusing on statewide engagement with clientele, professional development and philanthropy.

Overall educational contacts have increased by over 25% during the last two years. Our five-year goal is to increase contacts by an additional ½ million to reach a total of 1.7 million citizens

In 2025 we will focus on stratifying our community and economic development extension programs throughout the state. Dr. Jessica Stroope has been hired as the statewide CED specialist and will be working with our vast extension network and clientele to identify funding opportunities to further improve the lives of those we serve – where they live and work daily.

In alignment with the National 4-H Beyond Ready campaign, we aim to increase both 4-H club and overall enrollment in 2025 and beyond. We have set a statewide goal of increasing club enrollment by 2,500 enrolled youth for each of the next five years. In 2023-2024, we reached a total of 41,227 4-H Club Members. In the current year, we have presently reached 35,980 4-H Club Members. If we base our goal on the previous year's number of 4-H Members (41,227) and we increased enrollment by 12,500 youth over the next five years, we will have a **23% percent increase** in youth membership, and with this increase would reach **53,727** youth. We anticipate reaching over 150,000 youth in LA by 2030.

Continue to increase FFA participation and synergize efforts between 4-H and FFA youth development programs.

Continue building on NCH successes by enhancing community partnerships and establishing Healthy Community Programs. Furthering partnering with the LSU System on obtaining the NCI designation.

We have strategically hired several new ANR agents and specialists across all ANR programming areas. 2025 will be a year of grass roots efforts to stratify ANR programs throughout the state. ANR agents will be participating in a statewide professional development bus tour highlighting Louisiana Agriculture in August 2025.

Twenty Extension faculty were recently awarded \$5,000 seed grants, totaling over \$100k. These programs will be implemented during the next two years and will serve as catalysts for additional funding and will realize impacts across all programming areas.

The extension intern program is entering its 3rd year. We are excited to place up to 20 interns across the state that will serve as a pipeline for future extension positions. Application information is forthcoming.

Extension administration is prioritizing professional development for all extension employees and has worked to establish a professional development framework, inclusive of onboarding for all new extension faculty, programmatic onboarding, and administrative professional development with parish chairs, in addition to the Extension Summit, Annual Conference and regional extension retreats.

Successes of faculty:

- Extension faculty are also collaborating or serving as the PI on grant proposals and contributing the overall metrics associated with extramural funding and research expenditures.
- Numerous faculty have received awards and recognition during the reporting period as well.

- Educational Contacts Reach – 1,209,499 for FY 24, which has increased by over 1/4 of a million over the last 2 years (up from 1,030,000 in FY 23 and 927,000 in FY 22)
- Electronic Contact Reach – 44 million+ and increasing (up from 43 million)
- Annual Educational Activities – 20,907 (up from 19K in FY23)
- Number of 4-H members and participants – 113,130
Percentage of increase - **20.35%** (prior was 94004)
- Number of 4-H volunteer leaders – 13,413
Percentage of increase: **27.54%** (was 10,517)
- 4-H programs are far-reaching and active across 2,120 schools and community locations.
- The Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Team are once again reigning national champions after defeating competitors from across the United States.
- 4-H University hosted more than 1,300 4-H members. This was the largest and most successful 4-H University since the pandemic. 4-H camp hosted over 3,000 youth. FFA camp hosted over 1,300 youth.
- An estimated 11,000 Louisiana citizens serving as volunteers in specialized programs like Master Gardener, Master Farmer, Master Horseman, Master Cattleman, Master Goat Manager, and Master 4-H Volunteer Leader.
- Of the approximately 9,000 Louisianans that have participated in AgCenter nutrition programs, 75% have adopted healthier eating habits and two-thirds are becoming more physically active.
- Nutrition, health, family and community development programs – participants) – 325,292
Percentage increase in number of contacts - **8.34%**. (was 300,259)
- Healthy community programs have reached 170 healthy community coalitions and have established 994 health community partnerships across Louisiana
- Over the past two years, the LSU Ag Center Healthy Communities program has guided small communities through the application process while working with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to make funding projects possible. As a result, 11 communities with populations under 5,000 received over \$13 million for pedestrian improvements thanks to changes in the state's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

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

Single Sign-on:

To reduce complications with multiple user accounts and passwords, the following applications will now accept AgCenter user IDs and passwords:

Application Name	Credentials Used	Application Owner, Contact
Workday	LSU AgCenter	Various LSU A&M Units
CBTravel	LSU AgCenter	CBTravel
Supplier.io	LSU AgCenter	LSU Procurement
EHS	LSU AgCenter	Environmental Health and Safety
CampusGroups	LSU AgCenter	LSU Student Services, Campus Life
Blackbaud	LSU AgCenter	LSU Foundation, Financial Aid & Scholarships
FBS (Lab Application for select users)	LSU AgCenter	Pennington Biomedical
LSU Training (training.lsu.edu)	LSU AgCenter	LSU ITS
Moodle (for instructors)	LSU AgCenter	LSU Faculty Technology Center / LSU Online
Slate or "Grad Slate"	LSU AgCenter	LSU Graduate School
Disability Services (denali.accessiblelearning)	LSU AgCenter	LSU Disability Services
LSU Parking Application	LSU AgCenter	LSU Parking

Other applications provided by LSU A&M and/or partner institutions may still require a separate user ID and password. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

Application Name	Credentials Used	Application Owner, Contact
SIRSI Catalog	LSU A&M (@lsu.edu)	LSU Library
TDX (LSU ITS Service Request)	LSU A&M (@lsu.edu)	LSU ITS
EZProxy (Library application)	LSU A&M (@lsu.edu)	LSU Library

For more information and updates, visit the following LSU AgCenter IT Knowledge Base article (use AgCenter ID and password to access): [LSU Authentication for Applications](#)

Old Business

1. Motion to accept the minutes from the November 15, 2024, LSU AFC meeting.

New Business

1. Vice-Chair Election
2. Recorder Election
3. Executive Committee Election at Next Meeting: The Executive Committee will consist of the three officers, past chair, and two to four additional members, with representation from on- and off-campus Council members, elected at the first meeting of each year after election of the officers.

4. AFC 2025
 - a. Initiatives
 - b. Priorities
 - c. Tactics

2025 Meeting Dates – 9:30am-12:00pm/Room 212 Efferson Hall or Teams

Dates-Planned for 3rd Friday of Each Month. Recurring Invitation Sent

January 17	June 20	November 21
February 21	July 18	December ?
March 21	August 15	
April 18 – need to move	September 19	
May 16	October 17	

Adjourn