

# Minutes

## LSU AgCenter Faculty Council Meeting of June 24, 2005

Chancellor's comments:

- Interesting and difficult legislative session.
- One-half of mandate money (\$1.4 M) taken away by legislature in early session.
- \$1.85 M restored by the end of the session, giving a slight increase to the AgCenter budget.
- \$10 M for Higher Education pool to help community college system and raising standards.
- \$7.5 M went to the regents for library and scientific equipment purchasing.
- ULM received money to improve the pharmacy program.
- The session covered "unfunded" mandates.
- The session covered two months worth of annualized income.
- The Chancellor mentioned that priorities for the LSU AgCenter during the next few months: educate the current administration in the importance of the LSU AgCenter and what it does for the citizens of the state and work with the commissioner to redo formula funding.
- House Bill 2 gave the LSU AgCenter some money for planning the Animal Science complex.
- Salary raises are not a dead issue but has not been determined yet.
- Prioritization work will kick off Monday morning (6/27/05).
- There will not be any across the board cutting of department budgets.
- Faculty survey should be looked at positively.

Deborah Davis and Fran Lawrence visited the FC to get feed back and ideas concerning ACE meetings at Annual Conference. The FC suggested that the planning committee for Annual Conference reduce the ACE group meetings in favor of "cross-interest topics". The topics should be of general interest that has interest among ACE groups and include hot topics and topics identified by ACE group leaders. The resolution was made by Allen Hogan and seconded by Ken McMillan. The vote was unanimous.

Ann Coulon addressed the promotion and tenure issue. During the discussion Jerry Whatley recommended that the section of the P&T document that allows for Unit Head comments, be eliminated because these comments are private comments between Unit Head and the evaluated faculty member, encouraging and suggesting ways of improvement from their annual evaluation. Allen Hogan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous. There was additional discussion on the P&T timing for application, procedure and training/discussions for applicants.

The topic of flex scheduling was addressed by Ann by her indicating that flex scheduling is addressed in supervisory training sessions.

Service Unit evaluation discussions were put on hold until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned ca. 1:30 pm.

Humbly submitted,

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