

MINUTES
LSU AgCenter Faculty Council Meeting
September 21, 2012
Sullivan Conference Room
9:30 a.m.



Members Present: Layne Arceneaux- Langley, Lisa Benoit (by proxy Tina Goebel), Esther Coco Boe (by proxy Tina Goebel), Sharman Charles, Quincy Cheek (by proxy Tina Goebel), Josh Detre, Tina Goebel, Clayton Hollier, Jason Holmes, Joan King, Robin Landry, Ken McMillin, Ross Pruitt, Michael Stout, Rich Vlosky and John Westra.

Members Absent: Edward Bush, Hallie Dozier, Nikki LeMaire, Donnie Miller and Diane Sasser.

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1. Chancellor Richardson talked about meetings this summer. The LSU Flagship Coalition had been meeting this summer and most of these discussions did not involve the LSU AgCenter. However, talk focused on consolidation of campuses.
2. Chancellor mentioned issues related to hospitals in north Louisiana and LSU Health Sciences Centers within the LSU System.
3. AGB (Association of Governing Board) issued report that had three scenarios for LSU System; 1 – status quo; 2 – ten year plan of consolidation; 3 – more immediate plan of consolidation. Report released at the retreat at Pennington.
4. Chancellor mentioned that Kevin Cope stated and made case for issue related to academic credentials, etc.
5. Board decided to extend AGB contract for next 30 days, starting Monday past, by October 18, 2012. Will not come out with something contrary to what Governor recommends. Will not be coming back to campus to release this report.
6. Will see search for President for LSU; no Chancellor for LSU A&M. Executive Vice-President and Provost. Executive Vice-President for Health Sciences. Don't know what they will do with LSUAC, LSU Law Center and Pennington. To consolidate this before do search.
7. We will not stay as we are now.
8. Looked around the country. IFIS at Florida examined, but not best fit for Louisiana.
9. Tennessee and Texas A&M looked at for similarities and differences. These two systems look like better fit or model for Louisiana than Florida.
10. As of today, no decisions have been made about how this process will unfold.
11. If we have VP of Agriculture then this person will also serve as Dean of College of Agriculture.
12. Where will Vet School fit in this new system? This is a question to be answered by Board.
13. What about Law Center? Not many examples like this nation-wide.

14. Pennington Center is another issue. They don't want to come under the LSU A&M System due to problems their scientists have been treated in the past by the System.
15. Any feedback or input to Chancellor is welcomed.
16. The reporting of Head of LSUAC to Provost is not negotiable.
17. The consolidation of LSU AgCenter with the LSU A&M campus was obvious when Chancellor couldn't count 9 votes against it on the Board at the retreat.
18. Meeting of LSUAC constituents at Winnsboro was very positive and very supportive.
19. Question about who would serve in new position? Chancellor doesn't know if he would be appointed or continue or not.
20. Potential for a larger LSUAC under consolidated campus, but nothing set in stone, like SeaGrant, Vet School, Continuing Education, etc.
21. Slowing down Business Plan enactment as revise and reconsider aspects of the Plan. Funding from royalties and revenues of patents and IP that contribute \$3.5 million toward budget annually that will not be around indefinitely.
22. LSUAC need to focus development efforts toward more commercial ventures or entities that would contribute significantly toward LSUAC. More consistency of development efforts between LSUAC and COA.
23. Budget – using royalty and one-time monies to cover budget hole. Have to cover legal fees for rice-check off program. But overall LSUAC doing OK now.
24. Nothing will happen until after the election at the state level. Mid-year cuts are not known or projected at this time, but will have to wait for Revenue Estimating Commission to meet in early December.
25. Chancellor working to get salary increases, but much opposition in the state against this as many feel faculty are overpaid already. Need some relief on salary, pushing it hard, but legislature is very tough.
26. Capital outlay – the first portion of funding has been released to LSUAC from DOA. Food Science is shaping up and on its way to completion.
27. Looking for funding to improve 4-H camp facilities to accommodate 4-Hers who are there for camp during inclement weather.
28. Issue raised by FAC about administrative folks in Accounting not paying feed bills.
29. Annual conference will occur this year. Abbreviated version but will have lots to talk about at the end of the year.
30. Some positions are being filled, despite hiring freeze, that are critical to the LSUAC.
31. Still cannot spend state monies on out-of-state travel.

Business -- Dr. Ken McMillin, Chair, LSUAC Faculty Council

32. The July 20, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as presented and will be posted on the LSU Ag Council website.

Reports

33. LSU Board of Supervisors (BOS) – meeting was held on September 7, 2012. KM passed out agenda for LSU BOS meeting. Budget was presented by Dr. Jenkins (interim President of LSU System and Chancellor of LSU A&M) and approved by BOS.
34. Athletic Department's transfer of funds will only be to LSUA&M.
35. KM and others met with three members of BOS for breakfast prior to BOS meeting. These three members were more senior and experienced members of BOS. There seems to be some divisions on

the BOS along ideological and experience, etc. AGB report indicated in draft they needed additional time to finish preliminary report, which they were granted for another 30 days.

36. Upcoming information about meetings can be found at the BOS website:
<http://www.lsusystem.edu/index.php/board-of-supervisors/minutes-agenda/>
37. Council of Faculty Advisors (CFA) – at the meeting held September 7, 2012, met with Jenkins and will seek faculty raises. However this needs to get by the Governor, so how likely is that? Dr. Jenkins described how things had changed considerably in the seven years since he was last here in an administrative capacity. Meetings are usually during morning prior to the BOS meetings. Next meeting is and information on the Faculty Advisors can be found at:
<http://www.lsusystem.edu/index.php/board-of-supervisors/faculty-advisors/>
38. Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates (ALFS) – will hold a meeting on September 29, 2012. KM will not be able to attend and encouraged anyone to attend the meeting at LSU-Alexandria. Always a lively discussion at the ALFS meetings. Agenda will be released early next week. Information on ALFS can be found at: <http://web.lsu.edu/alfs/>
39. Louisiana Statewide Colleagues' Collaborative Summit Meeting – will hold a meeting on September 29, 2012. Information can be found here: <http://www.laaup.org/>

Discussion Items

40. Faculty Council elections – KM started the process, Sarah Johnson has the electronic system in place so just waiting for Chancellor to start the process by sending out announcement email.
41. Rich Vlosky cannot run for re-election. KM presented that information about another individual with various combinations of terms who will eligible to run for another term.
42. Will have slots in every position available.
43. LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 12-9 for Graduate Faculty Status on LSUAM campus for 100% LSUAC appointments. Concerns raised by the content and way in which it was introduced at LSU Faculty Senate. KM talked about the issues facing the faculty for Graduate Faculty Membership.
44. Several issues related to this were discussed, including: having this senate resolution approved or adopted; giving 100% LSUAC faculty with a 10% COA (faculty/teaching) appointment; sending LSUAM a resolution or letter of support from LSUAC FAC.
45. FAC moved, seconded, and passed motion (as amended) to have KM present a letter that LSUAC is supportive of LSU FS Resolution 12-9 that will enhance the Graduate Faculty of the LSU System by including Faculty from LSUAC.
46. Oversight Committee – been meeting regularly over summer, but has been waiting on information from Chancellor that will be used in crafting our response to Chancellor.
47. ACE group survey – is being developed by RV and committee. Look to incorporate results at Annual Conference in December.
48. Service Unit Advisory Committees – KM will talk to Chancellor about vacant slots.
49. LSUAC administrative changes and leadership discussed. There seems to be some issues related to HRM and Accounting Services and timeliness in responding to inquiries. Faculty not consulted about changes in the administration.
50. Wellness Bingo and Wellness Committee – issues raised by FAC.
51. Director's Dialogue services difficulties and issues related to IT regarding these problems.
52. International Programs – KM talked about problems with the way it has transitioned with interim administration. FAC suggested that KM talk with Chancellor about this since LSUAM has Provost in position. IP is important to all units because all have foreign graduate students.
53. Discussion on guests for the FAC meeting. People suggested included: Governor, Provost,

54. Status of Experimental Statistics was unknown by anyone on FAC.

The meeting adjourned on a voice vote at 11:50 a.m., September 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Westra
Recorder