

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 am, May 18, 2017
Room 212, Efferson Hall



Members Present: Naveen Adusumili (Carol Pinell-Alison-proxy), Mandy Armentor, Margo Castro, Melissa Cater, Chris Clark, Richard Cooper, Betsy Crigler (Margo Castro-proxy), Adriana Druisini (Margo Castro-proxy), Becky Gautreaux, Kurt Guidry, Blair Hebert, Denise Holsten-West, Chuanlan Liu, Shatonia McCarty, Ken McMillian, Chuck Monlezun, Carol Pinell-Alison, Claudette Reichel, Gary Stockton.

Members Absent: Ed Bush, Jeff Davis, KiKi Fontenot, Andrew Granger

Call to Order-

The May Faculty Council meeting was called to order by Chair, Sun J. Chang at 9:40 am.

Vice President and Dean's Report – Dr. William B. Richardson

Dr. Richardson said the budget situation downtown has been interesting but still not resolved. The HB 1 has been 97% funded at the date of the meeting. (HB1-which funds higher education). When the Revenue Estimating Committee has met they give static budget projections for the state. The budget is constantly changing and will do so up until the final hours of the session. He did say lawmakers do not want to go into a special session so they are hoping to resolve all budget issues in the regular session.

Campus Strategic Plan is going to affect all campuses in the LSU system. The plan is to include A & M with a strong agriculture plan and both the LSU AgCenter & College of Agriculture will be involved to help with the strategic plans.

Dr. Richardson entertained Q & A from Faculty members.

Q1-What is status of TOPS?

Q1A-they are still debating it in the legislature. He did say there could be just a flat budget for the next fiscal year but again we won't know anything definite until the legislative session is over. The regular session ends June 6th.

Dr. Ramaswamy's visit in New Orleans there was 3 things he mentioned in the 2018 NIFA funding that the Ag Center will make as priorities: 1-Tactical Science which will include food safety, protecting the food supply and food safety for produce & the food supply; 2-Nutrition; and 3-rural youth development through 4-H. Dr. Richardson stated he is working with our DC liaison to get the information to apply for the RFP when it is released.

Business

April 20, 2017 meeting minute's approval-Gary Stockton made the motion to approve the Mark/April minutes with minor corrections. Ken McMillian seconded the motion. Motion was passed and accepted by the council.

Reports

Board of Supervisors meeting on May 5th, 2017. Becky Gautreaux gave the report on the BOS meeting. Some of the business discussed at the meeting were: vendors for the concessions at campus athletic events; the plan to demolish Kirby Smith dorm and make a strip mall; the Ag Center leads the research in the LSU system, SEC, and SACS.

The same day, she attended the Council of Faculty Advisors meeting and at the meeting they put together a priority list of issues that needed to be addressed through the individual faculty senates. Items put together included: Workday; BOS interactions, LSU-Shreveport Maintenance issues; HRM; Purchasing; Salaries and benefits of employees.

Announcements

By the June Faculty Council meeting, all new faculty orientation handbooks will be distributed via email for review for our June Meeting to help standardize them.

At the July Faculty Council meeting, the orientation handbooks will be discussed and standardized. It will then be made available to all new hires.

Discussion Items

- Service Unit Advisory Committees updates-Dr. Ken McMillian
Dr. McMillian announced those would be reactivated by Joe/Ken and he recommends taking the list he submitted and check for current faculty council members, any members that have retired or left, and fill in names. If we as the council maintain the list and send the chairs the names and encourage them to meet or prompt them to meet that could help.
Sun asked us to provide him feedback via email which committees we would like to serve on. Ken will send the documents he presented at the meeting electronically to Sun and circulate among council members to make additions or deletions to the list.
- Faculty Orientation and Information Committees updates
 - Campus – Jeff Davis and Chris Clark & Kurt Guidry
 - ANR – Naveen Adusumilli, Carol Pinnell-Alison and Bruce Garner
 - FCS - Denise Holsten, Shatonia McCarty and Becky Gautreaux
 - 4-H –Betsy Crigler was appointed to serve on this committee and Kurt Guidry removed from 4-H committee and moved to Campus committee.
- Sub-committee assignment for P&T,

- Sub-Committee assignment for PS-42-Members appointed were Shatonia McCarty (lead); other members were: Becky Gautreaux.
- Sub-Committee assignment PM-36, Melissa Cater will lead the discussion and other members of the committee are Richard Cooper and Chuck Monlezun.
- Other Business: the Greenhouses on campus presented by Chris Clark. In 1927, there were greenhouses on campus and Gourrier built and still in use to today. The greenhouse on Gourrier was replaced once in 1966. Office of University Housing has provided the funding to replace the greenhouses on campus being used still. Since February, 2-3 rounds of faculty solicitations for program have occurred. The final program recommendations met on May 17, 2017 and this was discussed: The greenhouse on Gourrier, demolish or refurbish; Campus-relocate the greenhouse to Ben Hur it would be a 50/50 cost share. The estimated cost of this project is \$13.5 million and there is \$9.8 million available it must go through design phase which is to start now, hopes of construction to begin in October with a completion in May of 2018. One big concern of this would be transportation to Ben Hur.

Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, Chuck Monlezun made a motion to adjourn and Gary Stockton seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned by Chair, Sun Joe Chang at 11:11 am.