

**LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting**  
**9:30 am, November 17, 2017**  
**Room 228, School of RNR Building Hall**



**Call to Order:** Called by Sun Joe Chang at 9:35am with a welcome to the RNR Conference Room

**Members In Attendance:** Naveen Adusumilli, Mandy Armentor (proxy Becky Gautreaux), Ed Bush, Margo Castro (proxy Adriana Drusini), Melissa Cater, Sun Jo Chang, Chris Clark, Richard Cooper, Betsy Crigler, Adriana Drusini, Kiki Fontenot (proxy Ed Bush), Becky Gautreaux, Blair Hebert, Denise Holston- West, Ken McMillin, Carol Pinnell-Alison, Subramaniam Sathivel, Mark Shafer, Gary Stockton

**Members Absent:** Jeff Davis, Andrew Granger, Chuanlan Liu, Shatonia McCarty, Chuck Monlezu, Claudette Reichel

**Vice President and Dean's Report** – Dr. Richardson was not in attendance.

**Guest-** Todd Barre was requested to come, but is leaving the AgCenter. Ann Coulon will be our guest in December and she will discuss Todd's topic.

**Business** – The minutes for the October meeting were approved by Richard Cooper and seconded by Betsy Crigler.

**Reports**

Sun Jo Chang mentioned there was no Board of Supervisors meeting in November. The next one will be on Decemeber 8, 2017 in New Orleans at the Health Science Center.

Sun Jo passed out the LSU Strategic Plan 2025 Summary to the members. He mentioned the larger document discusses what students need to be and what we attain to become. Discussion included enrollment is down and recruitment needs to start strong from the College of Agriculture- Amanda Martin. The council suggested an email should come from Dr. King in June to let the campus faculty know to be welcoming to the hundreds of potential students that are on campus for 4-H University. There were ideas on increasing recruitment with the 4-H'ers who are interested in a field in agriculture. They are recruited by other colleges in their local high schools more than LSU. The college should focus on percentage ag and have more hands-on experience. This would set us apart from McNeese in particular. Recruitment should also lean towards possible transfer students from LSUA, LSUE, and LSU Shreveport. It was suggested to have a push for scholarships. One stated there were unused money in Agriculture scholarships this fall. The council was informed in LSU Campus Master Plan it states Middleton Library will be torn down and the new Information System will be where the old EE building is now.

**Announcements**

Elections are being held to elect the 2020 members of the Ag Faculty Council.

In January, the council will hold elections for a new member of the executive committee, a chair, and a vice chair of the council, preferably someone with term expiring in October 2019.

Service unit advisory committee member composition will be re-organized and progress report schedule will be set after the new 2020 council members are elected in January 2018.

There is a national search and a search committee in place to find an Executive Associate Dean of the College.

The council expressed its disappointment that they were not informed/ involved in the search or selection for the new 4-H program leader. It was stressed the council needs to be involved. Sun Jo Chang stated he would contact Ann Coulon on this matter.

### **Discussion Items**

It was decided to have the next Faculty Council meeting while everyone is on campus for Annual Conference. The meeting will be held at 12:00 Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Sun Jo mentioned he will look for a meeting room closer to the Union due to a meeting that afternoon.

### **Adjourn**

Carol Pinnell-Alison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Richard Cooper second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.