

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
12:00 PM, December 12, 2017
Room 228, School of RNR Building



Members In Attendance: Naveen Adusumilli, Mandy Armentor, Ed Bush, Melissa Cater, Sun Jo Chang, Richard Cooper, Kiki Fontenot (proxy Ed Bush), Becky Gautreaux, Blair Hebert, Denise Holston- West, Ken McMillin, Chuck Monlezun, Carol Pinnell-Alison, Mark Shafer, Gary Stockton, Bin Li

Members Absent: Margo Castro, Chris Clark, Betsy Crigler, Jeff Davis, Adriana Drusini, Andrew Granger, Chuanlan Liu, Shatonia McCarty, Claudette Reichel, Subramaniam Sathivel,

Call to Order

Called to order at 12:06 pm by Dr. Chu, Chair of Faculty Council.

Vice President and Dean's Report – Dr. William B. Richardson could not attend the meeting.

Invited Guest- Amanda Martin, Director of Recruiting and Retention, College of Agriculture. Amanda presented her initiatives and efforts for the College of Agriculture and gave out a packet to council members highlighting efforts and staff of the office for the past year. She strengthened the efforts of the Les Voyageurs which are 18 students that help with recruitment. They have had great success with recruitment of future students into the College. College of Ag applications are up since 2017. She turned over the floor to questions/comments from members. Dr. McMillian, asked about the materials and if it was outside or inside; materials were developed by the University. How can we help the college recruit? On college of Ag website there is spot on how to become a future student or request more information on the college. How early to start recruiting? It can be anytime, freshman, junior, as early as they can; mostly targeting freshman.

What's LSU's strategic to get students here as opposed to other La universities? We target that fact we are a land grant university, offer those campus visits, trying to target hard those students in N. La area because less students come from there. Several questions from council members about cost of attending LSU and other neighboring colleges.

Ann Coulon, Associate Vice President of Administration, could not attend due to illness but will be with us in January.

Business

November 17, 2017 meeting minutes approval. Carol Pinell-Allison moved, Kiki Fontenot seconded. Minutes passed by the council with minor corrections if needed.

Reports

Faculty council elections, Dr. Chang is working with Ann Coulon to get elections running as far as off campus members. There are 9 members who will rotate off. Bin Li and Melissa Cater have been re-elected.

- The Board of Supervisors meeting on December 8, 2017. Dr. McMillian reported it was a short meeting due to weather and lots of Health Sciences presentations because they met in NOLA at the Health Sciences Center. Members conferred degrees for graduates. They changed the BS in HRE to BS in Leadership Development. Discussion about the deferred maintenance backlog of campus buildings and they have proposal to raise a student fee to raise funds for this. Campus administration will be looking at this to bring to the BOS a recommendation for how to deal with the deferred maintenance back log. Greek Affairs task force is still meeting and the President will eventually outline some policies and it can and will affect all LSU students, and some faculty members.
- Search committee for the Executive Associate Dean of the College, at this point there are 16 applicants, and committee will meet to go over the applications and make selections for interviews. Dr Chang said there were a few unqualified applicants in the pool.
- Denise H. updated us on the search for Dr. Tassin's replacement, 8 applicants applied and interviewed 5 applicants. The committee narrowed to 3 candidates and those will be interviewed for 1 ½ days sometime in January. There is 1 internal candidate and 2 external candidates.

Announcements

- Bin Li will be the new council member for Experimental Statistics.
- Melissa Cater will serve another term for Agricultural Extension, Education and Evaluation.

Discussion Items

- Future directions of Ag Center and College of Agriculture: (See the attached discussion starter and 2016 Progress Report for your consideration). He wants us to look at them over the Christmas break and for the January Meeting we need to have some recommendations to discuss as a council so the council can make sure recommendations.

Adjourn

Blair Hebert made the motion to adjourn, Ben Liu seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.