

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 am, February 16, 2018
Room 212, Efferson Hall



Call to Order: Called by Sun Joe Chang at 9:31am

Members In Attendance: Mandy Armentor (proxy Becky Gautreaux), Ed Bush, Melissa Cater, Sun Jo Chang, Chris Clark, Richard Cooper, Betsy Crigler, Adriana Drusini (proxy Betsy Crigler), Kiki Fontenot (proxy Ed Bush), Becky Gautreaux, Blair Hebert (proxy Becky Gautreaux), Chuanlan Liu, Shatonia McCarty, Ashley Powell (proxy Betsy Crigler), Teresa Raley, Gene Reagan, Claudette Reichel, Subramaniam Sathivel, Mark Shafer, Shannan Waits, Wenqing Xu

Members Absent: Denise Holston- West, Bin Li, Ken McMillin, Paul (Trey) Price, Gary Stockton

Vice President and Dean's Report – Dr. Richardson updated the council on the location of the marijuana site on Highland in the old Pepsi facility. Now the concern is for the security of the facility. Dr. Tobey Lepley from Texas A&M is the new Associate Vice President and Program Leader for 4-H Youth Development. He begins working and shadowing Mark Tassin April 1st. The special session begins Monday, February 19th at 4:00pm. A \$900 million budget shortfall could be fixed by continuing the one-cent sales tax. The AgCenter is watching agriculture exemptions. The College of Ag's enrollment is up 28%. Since tuition is more than \$5,000, we are watching to assure TOPS continues. Congratulations on Dr. King's speech yesterday that was viewed by Acano. Dr. Phil Elzer is the college's new Executive Associate Dean. Dr. Richardson mentioned he visited the Avoyelles parish office unannounced and was pleased to see all agents in the field. He visited with the administrative coordinator. The roso cane project will receive funding from AFAS. While in D.C., Secretary Perdue mentioned he would like to come see the roso cane project. USDA is focusing on rural infrastructure. Our Center for Ag Science and Rural Development fits in perfectly to President Trump's infrastructure initiative. There are 1,000+ acres in St. Gabriel that will be used to do wetlands mitigation. Dr. Richardson mentioned what a great project that is since RNR will get biological property to utilize into teaching and research. The AgCenter owns the property. It is not to be used for grazing nor farming. The Board of Supervisors approved the wetlands mitigation concept.

Invited Guest- No guest invited this month. Ann Coulon will join us in March.

Business – Sun Jo did not send out the minutes. The council was unable to vote on them. He mentioned he would email them to all members and call for a vote.

Reports

- Sun Jo mentioned Becky Gautreaux, Ken McMillin, and he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 2, 2018. Becky reported the Provost acknowledged Dr. Ken McMillian on his accomplishment of changing the general education curriculum. New Orleans received a bachelor's of Public Health. The school only had a Master of Public Health. The board members discussed their tour of the campus and noticed the deferred maintenance issues such as absence of air conditioning in the Studio Arts

building. LSUS wants to purchase a radio station in Arkansas with funding coming from the Red River Radio Station. The board approved to investigate the building purchase. The board approved to continue David Ram's (football defensive coordinator) contract and his salary at \$2.5 million/year for 4 years. The board also approved to let Matt Canada go.

- Dr. Phil Elzer is the Executive Associate Dean of the College. There were 25 applicants. The council members sitting on the Search Committee agreed to remove "Executive" from future job searches due to the amount of unqualified individuals. Chuanlan Liu suggested inviting Dr. Elzer to a meeting now that he is Executive Associate Dean.
- Only some members viewed Dr. King Alexander's speech yesterday. Becky Gautreaux spoke to IT to play the recording for those who had not seen it. The council watched Dr. King's speech.
- Denise Holston-West was absent and could not report on the search for the 4-H Program Leader.

Discussion Items

- Future directions of Ag Center and College of Agriculture:
The criteria listed below is the themes based on the suggestions made during the January council meeting. The idea was to develop programs that nobody else at LSU can do or ones the College of Agriculture and AgCenter can do better. Furthermore, wanted to focus LSU can be in the top three. The list was preliminary and subject to further revisions and improvements. After the council watched Dr. King's speech, they figured there would already a strategic plan that explained the direction of the AgCenter and College of Agriculture.
 1. Food quantity, quality, safety, and nutrition.
Under this program, we will address
Advancing arts and culture, Bridging coast, energy, and environment, Improving health and wellbeing, Fostering research and economic development.
 2. Entrepreneurship in culture and creative industries
Under this program, we will address
Advancing arts and culture (for example, cuisine and culinary arts), Bridging the coast, energy, and environment (for example, with sustainability, and technical advances).
Fostering research and economic development
Developing leadership (in business)
 3. Obesity initiative
Under this program,, we will address
Improving health and wellbeing
Transforming education and delivery
 4. Healthy homes and health communities
Under this program, we will address
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 5. Natural resource conservation, rural environment, and economy
Under this program, we will address
Bridging the coast, energy, and environment
Advancing arts and culture

Fostering research and economic development

6. Global LSU

Under this program, we will address

Developing leaders (for example, with internal and external Ag leadership and 4-H leadership youth program,
Transforming education.

Sun Jo Chang mentioned he would obtain Dr. Richardson's strategic plan for each area of the AgCenter and the College of Ag.

- Sun Jo created initiative task forces below. The council will revisit this in March due to the uncertainty of its purpose and content matter based on an individual's specialty.
 - Advancing culture and arts,
Chris Clark, Chuanlan Liu, Trey Price, Shatonia McCarty
 - Bridging the coast, energy, and environment,
S. Joe Chang, Claudette Reichel, Adriana Drusini
 - Foster research and economic development
Richard Cooper, Gene Reagan, Blair Hebert, Gary Stockton
 - Improving health and wellbeing:
Obesity task force --Denise Holston-West, Subramaniam Sathivel, Becky Gautreaux,
Mandy Armentor
 - Transforming education
Melissa Cater, Mark Shafer, Bin Li, Ashley Powell, and Shannan Waits
 - Developing leaders:
Ed Bush, Wenqing Xu, Ken McMillin, Betsy Crigler, and Teresa Raley
- A council member suggested annual unit head evaluations should be user friendly and each department should get the results of the evaluations. One member also suggested sending everyone in AgCenter and College of Ag the Faculty Council election results. The council represents everyone.

Adjourn

Chris Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ed Bush second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.