

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 am, March 23, 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, Sun Jo Chang, Chris Clark, Richard Cooper, Betsy Crigler, Adriana Drusini, Becky Gautreaux, Blair Hebert, Denise Holston- West, Chuanlan Liu, Ken McMillin, Ashley Powell, Paul (Trey) Price, Teresa Raley, Gene Reagan, Claudette Reichel, Mark Schafer, Shannan Waits, Wenqing Xu

Members Absent: Melissa Cater, Bin Li, Shatonia McCarty, Subramaniam Sathivel, Gary Stockton

Vice President and Dean's Report – Dr. Richardson updated the council on the legislative session. He informed us that the special session to fix the budget shortfall failed, and now the legislators are in their second week. This regular session will last until mid-June unless they end early. We are not anticipating the spoken \$26 million cuts to higher education including TOPS. Dr. Richardson thanked Hamp Grunewald for all his hard work at the capitol. The Revenue estimating committee will meet in late April or early May. The Board of Supervisors disapproved adding a facilities fee to tuition to cover building repairs. Tara Smith is moving from the Northeast Region to the Central Region as Regional Director. There will be a national search to fill her NE Regional Director position. Dr. Richardson wants to know how employees really feel about Annual Conference. He received mix reviews from the evaluations. He wants to create a committee to review the evaluations and improve Annual Conference. Applications to the college have increased by 40%. 37 out of 64 parishes turned in applications for the freshman scholarship. There are no reduced budget predictions as of now. 990+ acres in wetlands mitigation will go out for bid in April. Final bids in June. This will involve hands-on teaching. For the medical marijuana project, product will be in dispensaries in September. GB Industries is also working with states where marijuana is legal.

Invited Guest- Ann Coulon reported more training is coming on Title IX issues. Jenny Stewart is the Title IX officer on campus. Ann Coulon and Gena Doucet are the Title IX officers for the AgCenter. All issues need to be reported. Ann Coulon would like to create a safe culture for employees and students. Professors will add a statement at the bottom of their syllabus on how to report harassment. The Lighthouse is a counseling service for those affected by sexual harassment. The University has to know and act on any sexual predators and assaults. Volunteers will have to take a sexual harassment training. International students will be educated as well.

Business – Sun Jo sent out the minutes from January and February. Richard Cooper motioned to approve the January and February minutes. Gary Stockton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reports

- Sun Jo mentioned attending the Board of Supervisor's meeting on March 16, 2018. The main

Announcements

- Dr. Sasha Thackberry, Associate Vice Provost, On-line and Distance Education, has been invited to discuss University's initiative for on-line education during the April meeting. The council agreed clarification is needed on allowance of online teaching. If percentages change, salaries should change.

Discussion Items

- The council discovered typographical errors in the AgCenter Strategic Plan. Sun Jo advised everyone to review the plan, look for more errors, and the next meeting they can be collaborated and sent to Dr. Richardson.
- Sun Jo assigned individuals to appropriate groups to adjust the Strategic Plan to reflect what the AgCenter should be known for.

1. Advancing culture and arts:

Chris Clark, Chuanlan Liu, Shatonia McCarty

2. Bridging the coast, energy, and environment:

S. Joe Chang, Claudette Reichel,

3. Foster research and economic development:

Richard Cooper, Gene Reagan, Blair Hebert, Gary Stockton, Trey Price

4. Improving health and wellbeing: Obesity task force:

Denise Holston-West, Subramaniam Sathivel, Becky Gautreaux, Mandy Armentor

5. Transforming education:

Melissa Cater, Mark Shafer, Bin Li, Ashley Powell, and Shannan Waits

6. Developing leaders:

Ed Bush, Wenqing Xu, Ken McMillin, Betsy Crigler, Teresa Raley, Adriana Drusini

Adjourn

Richard Cooper motioned to adjourn the meeting. Adriana Drusini second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.