## USU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting 9:30 am, July 20, 2018 Room 212, Efferson Hall



**<u>Call to Order:</u>** Called by Sun Jo Chang at 9:33am.

<u>Members In Attendance:</u> Mandy Armentor, Ed Bush, Sun Jo Chang, Chris Clark, Richard Cooper, Betsy Crigler, Adriana Drusini, Becky Gautreaux, Blair Hebert (proxy Mandy Armentor), Denise Holston- West, Chuanlan Liu, Ken McMillin, Teresa Raley, Gene Reagan, Claudette Reichel, Subramaniam Sathivel, Mark Schafer, Gary Stockton, Shannan Waits

<u>Members Absent:</u> Melissa Cater, Bin Li, Shatonia McCarty, Ashley Powell, Paul (Trey) Price, Wenqing Xu

<u>Vice President and Dean's Report</u> – Dr. Richardson was not in attendance.

Invited Guest- Dr. Gina Eubanks as the FCS Program leader, reported hiring five 100% general nutrition agents in 2017. Bruce Cameron is now the Department Head over Textiles, Apparel Design, and Merchandising. She started with the LSU AgCenter in 2013. She is over Diversity and Inclusion for the College. The School of Nutrition and Food Science started in 2012 with Dr. Louise Wicker as the Department Head. Funding comes from federal, state and local government, as well as grants and cooperative agreements. The Food Incubator covers the sensory lab, analytical data, microbiology, training and education for the manufacturers. All products produced by the Food Incubator are listed on the website. Healthy Communities is the largest initiative right now. With the 2018 Farm Bill possibly merging EFNEP and SNAP Ed, nutrition education and obesity prevention programs are the most important. PSE changes is at the center for both networks. Mandy Armentor moved to invite Gaye Sandoz to speak and for Dr. Chang to schedule a visit to the food incubator after a faculty council meeting. Teresa Raley seconded the motion.

<u>Business</u> – With the corrected spelling of Subramaniam Sathivel's name and other details in May's minutes, Gene Reagan motioned to approve the May and June minutes. Chris Clark seconded the motion.

## Reports

- The Board of Supervisors meeting was on June 29, 2018. They passed a resolution to increase fees by \$282/semester. 5-15% of the budget is set aside to assist low-income students.
- Louisiana has the second highest sales tax in United States.

## **Discussion Items**

The unit head evaluation sample was provided to council members via email. Dr.
Chang motioned for on campus evaluations occur first. Dr. Reagan seconded the
motion. The sample will be revised and a vote will occur on the instrument. Council
members were encouraged to come at the August meeting with their revisions.
Suggestions and inputs should be emailed to Dr. Chang.

- The Vice Provost of graduate studies position is vacant and the search has been suspended. Malcolm Richardson is the interim dean for Graduate studies. He continues to learn his new position.
- Dr. Chang will contact Dr. Leonard for revised College of Ag and AgCenter's Strategic Plan 2025.

## <u>Adjourn</u>

Gary Stockton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Teresa Raley second the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.