

**LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting**  
**9:30 AM, March 20, 2020**  
**TEAMS**

Call to Order by Dr. Sun Joseph Chang at 9:35 a.m. The minutes were accepted as presented. Dr. Chang discussed the Regional Director survey and is processing the results. He will go through the comments to make sure all staff members are protected since confidentiality was a major concern. Dr. Chang reiterated one of the purposes of the survey was to create trust with the AgCenter faculty and staff. He reported the response rate significantly increased with the second survey.

Those who attended the Board of Supervisors meeting were Sun Joseph Chang, Gene Reagan, and Becky Geautreux. The Board discussed the position of LSU President and Chancellor and if these positions should be separate. The majority thought the positions should be separate. AGC Consulting Group found these positions should be separate.

The Board of Supervisors agreed to have a Faculty Council representation on Search committees.

An overall dissatisfaction with Workday was discussed.

CoVid19– University campus is closed, all International travel is suspended, domestic travel must be approved, off campus faculty expressed concerns. Off campus units typically follow local governments and Office of Environmental Protection (OEP) lead. Dr Chang will email Dr. Richardson to get an official definition of “essential personnel” and focus on off campus faculty.

On the Regional level, directions should come from the Regional Director and follow the chain of command.

The FCS faculty are working from home on flyers, documents, etc. assignments from Baton Rouge.

Dr. Richardson virtually attended the Faculty Council meeting. He continues to have several conference calls daily, emphasizes social distancing, closing all parishes offices effective Close of Business Friday, March 20. Research stations are not closed, the number of CoVid cases are expected to rise, the concern is to level the curve. Parish travel has been restricted, parish agents have been instructed to stay at home. Parish staff should take SCOOP plans home with them.

Creative ways are being looked at to handle Civil Service employees leave. Civil Service employees are essential for Research Stations.

There will be a great long term financial impact.

Dr. Richardson suggests everyone keeping record of expenses caused by the quarantine in order to get reimbursement from FEMA. The Legislature has adjourned indefinitely.

LSU commencement has been cancelled. LSU and Southern will be online courses only. State Parks are being used for quarantine sites with National Guard support.

The schedule for 2020 Faculty Council meetings are April 17, June 12 , July 17, August 21, Sept 18, Oct 16, and Nov 20