

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 AM, May 21, 2020
TEAMS

Call to Order by Dr. Sun Joseph Chang at 9:30 a.m. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Those present included: Sun Joseph Chang, Theegala Chandra, Zhiyuan Chen, Liu Chulanan, Richard Cooper, Stuart Gauthier, Becky Geautreux, Hope Guidry, Blair Hebert, Ken McMillan, Bradley Pousson, Ashley Powell, Gene Reagan, Teresa Raley, Brandon Reeder, Mark Shafer, Kristin Stair, Sathivel Subramanian, Shannon Waits, Mark Wilson, Wenqing Xu.

Dr. Richardson joined the meeting and highlighted two areas of interest: budget and the reopening of the LSU AgCenter. He discussed the Governor's revised budget which resulted in only a 2% cut to higher education. The reopening has begun with sanitizing supplies being sent to each parish office. The LSU campus is allowing 25% to return. Dr. Richardson spoke about how LSU intends to repopulate the LSU campus for the fall semester and stated classes will most likely be a hybrid of online and face to face. Concern was voiced over students being less than honest taking finals.

On June 1, 2020 an announcement will be made concerning Phase II. Dr. Richardson asked the Council to give him feedback on issues concerning the fall semester such as the pros and cons of teaching online and the academic calendar. Everyone was in agreement that testing was the greatest issue and students needed to be able to come back to campus. Dr. Sun Joseph Chang requested the Faculty council members email him their thoughts and concerns.

The AgCenter parish offices are letting those who cannot work from home to go back to work but are not open to the public. This could be a concern for some parishes due to the directive to follow local OEP guidelines that may be different than the AgCenter's policy. Dr. Richardson stressed that those who can work remotely continue to do so. Anyone who may have childcare issues, immune issues, or are sick should stay home and work remotely. Dr. Richardson also encouraged all parish offices to update their SCOOP Plans in order to be prepared for hurricane season.

Sun Joseph Chang announced the Board of Supervisors meeting would be May 22, 2020. The meetings can be viewed on Facebook and You Tube. Discussion continued about what LSU and LSU AgCenter is known for. Dr. Chang referred to the document he emailed prior to the meeting. It is important to look at core groups and programs, not individuals' work. Some ideas that were brought up included:

- *Family and Consumer Sciences program know nationally for Healthy communities
- *Teaching
- *Graduate and undergraduate students get jobs with higher starting salaries
- * Our food science program is nationally and internationally well recognized." Students from the program have been employed in the food industry immediately after graduation."

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded at 10:50 am.

The next Faculty Council meeting is Thursday, June 12, 2020. The scheduled 2020 Faculty Council meetings are July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, and November 20 unless otherwise stated.