

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting

9:30 AM, August 21, 2020

TEAMS

Call to Order by Dr. Sun Joseph Chang at 9:40 a.m. The July minutes were approved as presented. Those present included: Sun Joseph Chang, Zhiyuan Chen, Liu Chulanan, Becky Geautreaux, Stephen Harrison, Blair Hebert, Bin Li, Ken McMillan, Bradley Pousson, Gene Reagan, Teresa Raley, Mark Shafer, Shannon Waits, Mark Wilson, Kristin Stair, Bob Mirabello, and Stuart Gauthier, Albert Orgeron, Richard Cooper, Chandra Theegala, Wenqing Xu, Subramaniam Sathivel. Also, in attendance were Dr. Bill Richardson, Ashley Geautreaux, Hamp Grunewald, and Ashley Mullens.

Bill Richardson was present and discussed the follow issues:

- *Diversity Equity Council is moving forward with action steps. The position of Assistant Vice President for Diversity is being advertised and filled.
- *80% of College of Ag freshmen are enrolled online this fall.
- *All offices need to have updated SCOOP plans due to 2 large disturbances in the Gulf.
- *A new Doctoral program in Experimental Statistics will be offered.
- *No change in the budget.
- *The Board of Supervisors has 4 new members.
- *No changes in the LSU Presidential search.

Ashley Geautreaux discussed the revised PM36. The Faculty Council suggested that HR send a reminder to Department Heads saying weekly reports are no longer necessary. The updated policy will be posted on the AgCenter Employee Information Covid site. The weekly reports apply to nonexempt, hourly employees who are paid biweekly. Other topics discussed included:

- *One Drive – due to Public Records laws, all data must to be accessible for 7 years. IT will be updating Aruba after guidelines are updated.
- *All Laptops and desktops purchased by the AgCenter are state property. Any personal information on these devises will be backed up on One Drive and is subject to Public Records requests.

Other reports:

- *Dr. Chang reported on the Board of Supervisors meeting. Jim Robinson of LSUE is the faculty Representative.
- *East Baton Rouge and Livingston Parishes have been given approval to advertise and hire an ANR agent (Horticulture).

Other discussion included:

- *Phase 2 reopening and revised guidelines
- *Leave Certification – process needs to be streamlined and integrated with Workday
- *Indirect costs related to research grants

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The next Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for September 18. The scheduled 2020 Faculty Council meetings are October 16, and November 20 unless otherwise announced.