

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 AM, September 18, 2020
TEAMS

Call to Order by Dr. Sun Joseph Chang at 9:30 a.m. The August minutes were approved as presented. Those present included: Sun Joseph Chang, Zhiyuan Chen, Liu Chulanan, Becky Geautreux, Hope Guidry, Stephen Harrison, Blair Hebert, Bin Li, Ken McMillan, Ashley Powell, Gene Reagan, Teresa Raley, Brandon Reeder, Mark Schafer, Shannon Waits, Mark Wilson, Kristin Stair, Stuart Gauthier, Albert Orgeron, Richard Cooper, Wenqing Xu, Subramaniam Sathivel. Also, in attendance was Dr. Bill Richardson.

Dr. Bill Richardson discussed the follow issues:

- *College of Ag enrollment is encouraging. It has approximately 1500 undergraduate of which approximately 400 are freshmen.
- *Enrollment is a concern for Fall Semester. Request for applications is less than same time last year.
- *CIO Woolley will be conducting a audit of security of technology on all campuses. Software will be purchased in bulk for users.
- *No change in regards to the search for LSU President.
- *A special legislative session will begin in October. There is some uncertainty concerning mid-year budget cuts.
- *Crop loss due to Hurricane Laura is greater than that of Katrina and Rita. Camp Grant Walker suffered major damage.
- *Phase 3 CoVid regulations didn't change much. Approximately 700 cases of Corona reported on campus. Campus will continue to follow same protocol (50 people inside buildings, 250 people outside). LSU System has Daily Check In that on campus faculty and students should follow. As far as local parish offices they should follow local OPE guidelines. Telecommuting is still highly encouraged.
- *The Diversity Council is making headway.

Other reports:

- *Dr. Chang shared two documents with the council: Legislative Act and Board of Regents Open Enrollment Resources.
- *Dr. Chang will invite CIO Woolley to attend October meeting.
- *Nominations are now being sought for 2021-2023 Faculty Council elections. Those rotating off the council are: Sun Joseph Chang, Kristin Stair, Gene Reagan, Bin Li, Teresa Raley, Ashley Powell, Shannon Waits, Subramaniam Sathivel, and Wenqing Xu. A new Chair of Council will have to be elected. To facilitate a smooth transition, the new Chair should be elected prior to December 2020.
- *The new Faculty Council website will post the minutes of each meeting. Dr. Chang will email minutes to Fred Piazza to facilitate posting.
- * HR is still requesting weekly work reports be submitted for those who are telecommuting.

Mark Schafer gave an update on the status of the Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Opportunity Council. A search is being conducted for an Associate Vice president of Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Opportunity. Bylaws, Rules of Order, and subcommittees have been established.

Mark Schafer will send out dates and times of VP interviews to Faculty Council members. Members are encouraged to watch the presentations of candidates.

Discussion continued concerning the high overhead percentage in sponsored projects. Dr. Chang will set up a meeting between select Faculty Council members and Hampton Grunewald to discuss the issue.

There was also discussion of how publications with multiple authors are weighted in Performance Reviews and Promotional and Tenure documents.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2020. The scheduled 2020 Faculty Council meeting is November 20 unless otherwise announced.