

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 am, January 22, 2021
Microsoft Teams



Call to Order: Called by Sun Joseph Chang at 9:46 a.m.

Members In Attendance: (20) Joseph Chang, Zhiyuan Chen, Stuart Gauthier, Becky Gautreaux, Stephen Harrison, Blair Hebert, Chuanlan Liu, Ken McMillin, Bradley Pousson, Mark Schafer, Subramaniam Sathivel, Mark Wilson, Hope Guidry, Nathan Lord, Al Orgeron, Chandra Theegala, Daniel Swale, Bei-bei Guo, Gary Stockton.

Members Absent (5): Robert Mirabello, Richard Cooper, Kristin Stair, Ashely Powell, William Afton.

Vice President and Dean's Remarks

Dr. Richardson was in attendance. The governor's executive budget is coming out soon. Our highest priority is to stabilize the budget and give faculty wage increases. \$3.2 million dollars of federal money filled holes in our budget last fiscal year. There is no new information on the LSU President/Chancellor position. There is no information on where faculty vaccinations fall on the state priority list. Dr. Richardson is working on capital outlay and deferred maintenance. Dr. Richardson is checking on if there is a way around collecting income taxes on awards. Employees should move all of their files and information to the Microsoft OneDrive as directed by IT. Dr. Richardson is going to give specifics on this at a later time.

Invited Guest-

- No invited guest attended.

Organizational matters-

- Dr. Chang nominated Gary Stockton to the executive committee. Becky motioned to close nominations. Stephen Harrison seconded the motion. Gary was elected by acclamation.
- Stephen Harrison motioned Dr. Chang to remain as councilman chair. Bradley Pousson motioned to close nominations. Dr. Chang was elected by acclamation.
- Chuanlan nominated Stephen to Vice Chair. Stephen nominated Al Orgeron to Vice Chair. Stuart nominated elections to be closed. Chuanlan seconded this. Votes came in 8 for Stephen and 11 for Al. Al was elected to Vice Chair.
- Dr. Chang nominated Becky to secretary. Blair motioned to close nominations. Gary seconded the motion. Becky was elected by acclamation.
- Zhi-yuan nominated Stephen to the Executive Committee. Blair motioned to close nominations. Mark Wilson seconded the nominations. Stephen was elected by acclamation.

Business –

The December minutes were moved by Stephen Harrison and seconded by Mark Wilson as presented with minor corrections.

Reports-

- Food Innovation Institute funded at \$2.5 million from a variety of funding sources.

- A bachelor's degree in plant protection across several departments within the College of Agriculture.
- Richard P. Sivicek funded the computer lab and classroom in the RNR Building.
- The Ag Center and College Council on Diversity and Inclusion had elections on 1-21-21. Mark Schafer, the co-chairs, and the recorder were selected. The main initiative is selecting diversity champions. Each department has a champion to focus on students and will be trained on how to do so. The AVP for Diversity starts February 1st. The AVP and the council will meet on ways to move forward. The council passed, approved, and posted to the website their bylaws.

Announcements

- Campus plans to vaccinate everyone on campus. Zhi-yuan took the survey that was sent out on vaccination desire. Chuanlan attended Galligan's meeting where he discussed his goal of vaccinating 75% of campus before the fall semester.
- International students went home and returned to campus with no issues.

Discussion Items

- A council member is unable to find the policy on social media accounts and keeping the two accounts separated. Discussion on if there is a policy on posting political signs and views. Several council members were unsure on if a policy existed. Dr. Chang is going to ask Ashley Gautreaux to come and speak about participating in social media and political views.

Al Orgeron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Chuanlan seconded it.