

Daniel LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 am, February 19, 2021
Microsoft Teams



Call to Order: Called by Sun Joseph Chang at 9:44 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, Nathan Lord, Al Orgeron, Bei-bei Guo, Robert Mirabello, Gary Stockton, William Afton, Richard Cooper

Members Absent (5): Chandra Theegala, Hope Guidry, Daniel Swale, Kristin Stair, Ashely Powell

Vice President and Dean's Remarks

Dr. Richardson was in attendance. He reminded everyone to follow OEP guidelines in their parish and on campus. The legislative work is happening now virtually and in-person. Dr. Richardson's main concern is budget stability and pay raises. Ashley Mullens is working with the legislators daily. We are adding funds to capital outlay with the first priority being the Renewable Natural Resources building. Dean Lee's repairs are waiting on arrival of insurance money. There will be no summer camp this year due to the damage at camp. Livestock shows are happening through next weekend. We have had very positive feedback from parents. Thank you to all the agents and volunteers for the "best year ever" said one caller. Thank you to Mark Schafer and his co-chair on the diversity council. It is all of our jobs to be mindful of diversity. Monica Majors has started with the AgCenter as the Assistant Vice-President for Diversity, Inclusion, and Opportunity. We are filling positions that we can as well as prioritizing unit head positions.

Invited Guest-

- Ashley Gautreaux was the invited guest to discuss the possibility of a social media policy. This occurred during the discussion items.

Business –

A motion to approve the January minutes as presented with minor corrections was made by Stephen Harrison and seconded by Mark Wilson.

Reports-

- Mark Schafer encouraged everyone to attend and remind your colleagues about the Conversation for Change. The education sub-committee is planning the discussions with Dr. Richardson and Dr. Orlando McMeans. This will take place next Friday (February 26th) at 1pm. Faculty is encouraged to submit any questions they have beforehand. Topics will include but are not limited to long-term relationships and increased future partnerships.

Discussion Items

Mark and Ashley Gautreaux have look at all the state agencies around Louisiana and compiled a preliminary policy for social media use. This document was shared with the

council Mandatory reporting on social media use is going to be difficult. Only classified employees are not allowed to place political signs in their yards, however it is discouraged for non-classified employees to. Members spoke about personal page privacy and allowable professional page items. Al motioned to table this for further discussion at the March meeting. Brandon seconded the motion.

Sun Jo followed up with the agents around the state on the freeze and the impact it had on our clientele/ producers.

Stephen Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Blair Hebert seconded it. The meeting ended at 11:02 am.