

Daniel LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 am, May 21, 2021
Microsoft Teams



Call to Order: Called by Sun Joseph Chang at 9:30 a.m.

Members In Attendance: Joseph Chang, Zhiyuan Chen, Stuart Gauthier, Becky Gautreaux, Stephen Harrison, Blair Hebert, Chuanlan Liu, Ken McMillin, Bradley Pousson, Mark Schafer, Subramaniam Sathivel, Mark Wilson, Al Orgeron, Robert Mirabello, Gary Stockton, William Afton, Vinicius Moreira, Hope Guidry, Daniel Swale, Kristin Stair, Ashely Powell

Members Absent: Nathan Lord, Richard Cooper, Bei-bei Guo

Vice President and Dean's Remarks

Dr. Richardson was in attendance. He discussed he has a meeting today to discuss finances in regard to capital outlay and improvements to the science buildings. A 2% raise for faculty was approved by the house and he is working on having a higher raise for our faculty. June 1st is the date for all employees to return to work full-time. Dr. Richardson mentioned he will seek the faculty council's involvement with the AgCenter Strategic Plan revisions.

Invited Guest-

- Ashley Gautreaux spoke on COVID policies are coming out for returning to work. On June 1st, faculty are no longer required to complete the telecommuting report. Higher education faculty are required to mask up despite the CDC's new recommendations. We must follow the governor's regulations first. The governor will give an update on 5-24. Meetings on campus are still at 50% the fire marshal's capacity. Members asked for updates on COVID restrictions and limitations at the Organizational Update on 5-25.

Business –

The April minutes were approved with minor corrections by Blair Hebert and seconded by Kristin Stair.

Reports-

- Dr. Chang shared notes from Dr. Richardson's College Policy Committee.

Announcements

- May 25th at 1pm is the time for a faculty forum. The faculty senate and student government request for students to be vaccinated. All campus faculty are urged to attend. Dr. McMillin is going to send an email to the president to discuss the need.

Discussion Items

- The AgCenter is 1/3 higher for F&A funds. Questions are still arising on why this is. When applying for national grants, LSU loses the competition due to other universities

having a lower F&A percentage. LSU's percentage is 53% and Texas A&M is at 30%. Dr. Chang is going to follow up with Hampton to see if this number can be lowered.

- Dr. Chang is going to invite Dr. Monica Guient, Assistant Vice President to the June meeting.
- Becky Gautreaux motioned to have the Faculty Council meeting in June in person at Efferson Hall. Subramaniam seconded the motion.
- For unit head evaluations, Dr. Richardson and the department head receive the comments and results from their evaluations.
- Dr. Chang is going to ask Hampton if the Forage Lab will be opened soon. Field faculty have heard this from the clientele.

Stephen Harrison motioned to end the meeting. Blair Hebert seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 11:25am.