

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 AM, Friday October 15, 2021
Microsoft Teams Online



Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.

Members In Attendance: Joseph Chang, Mark Wilson, Zhiyuan Chen, Vinicius Moreira, William Afton, Becky Gautreaux, Mark Schafer, Stuart Gauthier, Blair Hebert, Ken McMillin, Bradley Pousson, Ashely Powell, Subramaniam Sathivel, Gary Stockton, Bei-bei Guo, Chuanlan Liu, Hope Guidry, Kristin Stair, Mark Wilson, Nathan Lord

Members Absent: Robert Mirabello, Daniel Swale, Chandra Theegala, Brandon Reeder, Stephen Harrison, Al Orgeron,

Vice President and Dean's Remarks – Dr. Laborde reported on working on the schedule for Dr. Tate's visit through the AgCenter and the college November 15th. He is working on a budget for the college and AgCenter. His goal is to streamline the budget and communication about it. Precision Ag is one of the priorities to grow. Upgrades in labs for engineering and Nutrition and Food Sciences. Next week, teams will look at organization of LSU AgCenter (RNR, FCS, and 4-H). HR Management lessons will be conducted for leadership positions such as parish chairs and other supervisory roles. They signed an agreement for Plant Health curriculum. They will have a graduate certificate program in food processing and management system.

Business

Gary Stockton approved the minutes from the September meeting. Mark Wilson seconded the motion.

Reports

- Diversity Council- They is a call for nominations to serve on the council. 1/3 of the council members term will end at the end of this year. Terms will be three years long. Current members can be selected for a second term. They are looking for 6-7 people.
- VOIP working group-
- IT Advisory committee – Daniel will not be able to attend the meeting today to report. We will hear the update next month.
- Candidates for the council election:

On-campus nominations include: SPESS (2), Plant Path (1), on-campus assistant prof/instructor (2)

Off-campus: Full rank (3), associate rank (2), assistant rank (1)

Discussion Items

- Motion to Establish a Funding Model for LSU Online Programs within the LSU College of Agriculture

The online program is going to be an 8-week courses and not 16-week courses. The committee reported on the motion. The motion is attached. Mark seconded the motion. The motioned was passed. It will be discussed with Dr. Laborde.

- Desirable traits/quality for the next VP and Dean

The committee discussed the collaborative list of qualities submitted by their fellow committee members. The characteristics were in no particular order. There is a committee formed to organize and prioritize the qualities. They will report back in November.

Richard Cooper motioned to table the letter to President Tate discussion to model the qualities to the November meeting. Chuanlan seconded the motion.

Adjourn

Chuanlan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Savel seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 11:07am.