

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
9:30 AM, Friday December, 2021
Microsoft Teams



Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am.

Members In Attendance: Joseph Chang, Hope Guidry, Cecilia Stevens, Sallye Dugas, Becky Gautreaux, Kenneth Gravois, Stuart Gauthier, Ken McMillin, Subramaniam Sathivel, Evelyn Watts, Richard Cooper, Stephen Harrison, Blair Hebert, Chuanlan Liu, Richard Vlosky, Bradley Pousson, Mark Wilson, Nathan Lord, Al Orgeron, Kristin Stair,

Members Absent: Zhiyuan Chen, Chandra Theegala, Daniel Swale, Ashely Powell, Bei-bei Guo, Robert Mirabello, Gary Stockton, William Afton,

Vice President and Dean's Remarks – Dr. Laborde reported the AgCenter has five senior positions open in 2022, including Department Head for SNFS, Experiential Statistics, and SPESS, Southwest and Northwest Regional Directors. He wants the council to have an active involvement in the selection to acquire great candidates. President Tate has key strategies which all include involvement with the AgCenter, they are agriculture, STEM, cyber security, and cancer research. The AgCenter is providing necessary funding for projects in precision agriculture and parish offices. The management development series of classes will be 10 sessions which are held monthly to help employees with HR concerns, team building, and money management. There is a plan for more directly identifying and recruiting ag-enthused students through 4-H and FFA. The college is analyzing the scholarship program and revising it due to \$1,000 insufficiently helping with the price of college. As of now, the AgCenter's relationship with the university is not changing.

Invited Guest- Brandi Frey, Bobby Soileau, Ashley Gautreaux, and Monica Guient were our guest. Brandy Frye was a 4-H agent in the central region and is now a training specialist in HR. Management Development Institute is above the Supervisory trainings that are also coming out in 2022. The MDI is a once-a-month class to create and enhance leaders in the AgCenter to better lead their colleagues. The Supervisory training will cover more technical “day to day” issues. The mandatory yearly trainings for campus are not the same exact ones for the AgCenter. Ashley reminded everyone to complete the trainings before the holidays.

Dr. Ken Gravois spoke on Congressional staff visit he hosted in November. They toured USDA in Houma, John Deere facility in Thibodaux, a sugar mill, refinery, and other locations.

Business

Subramaniam Sathivel approved the minutes from the November meeting. Mark Wilson seconded the motion.

Reports

- Dr. Chang reported the Board of Supervisors agreed to meet with the Faculty Advisor Committee on a regular basis.

Discussion Items

- Dr. Chang encourages everyone to send in their preferences for advisory committees. Every faculty council member should be on one advisory committee.
- Dr. Chang asked for the council to review the past 30 years of chancellors and deans. The council voted to have two administrators over 1.

Adjourn

Sathivel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chuanlan seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 11:09 am.