

LSU Council of Faculty Advisors Meeting

February 23, 2024

LSU A&M Administration Building, 8 a.m.

I. Call to order.

Dr. Kimboj called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: S Kimboj (LSUHSC), M LaBorde (LSUA), R Newton (PBRC), D Tirone (LSUA&M), R Vlosky (LSUAg)

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Tirone also suggested we draft a rewrite of PM 24 to include the items mentioned before, particularly reimbursement for CoFA representatives. He will take the lead. LaBorde offered to assist. Tirone also mentioned that Louisiana Open Meetings Laws are changing, particularly in an attempt to increase

combating termites, ticks, and other insects as well as fleas, lice, mosquitos, and fire ants. While there hasn't been a new insect repellent on the market since DEET, research has shown nootkatone as superior to DEET, even at lower concentrations.

There is also a new-cross campus project to combat adolescent obesity. LSU Professor of Kinesiology Senlin Chen, having just secured a \$450,000 National Institutes of Health R15 grant through the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, is leading the project and collaborating with Amanda Staiano and her lab at LSU's Pennington Biomedical Research Center, among others. The project is called ProudMe (Preventing Obesity Using Digital-assisted Movement and Eating) and will have immediate impacts for hundreds of Louisiana children and their families through direct interventions in Louisiana schools.

Of course as a comprehensive university our faculty work in numerous fields in addition to the STEM disciplines and the diversity of our research was on display at the recent Provost's Fund for Innovation in Research Symposium. This event brought together the 70 faculty who collectively won more than 30 total awards, and it was great to see art, science, engineering, creative-writing and other fields showcasing the results of their seed funding.

The faculty are also extremely proud of the recent election of Professor Emeritus Robin McCarley and former LSU Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Kevin Kelly to the prestigious National Academy of Inventors, or NAI. According to a press release from December 13, 2023, "Election as an NAI Fellow is the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors. To date, fellows hold more than 63,000 issued U.S. patents, which have generated over 13,000 licensed technologies and companies, and created 1 million jobs. In addition, over \$3 trillion in revenue has been generated based on NAI Fellow discoveries."

Closer to home, I would like to thank the LSU Foundation for their additional commitment of \$13,500 to faculty awards, bringing the total to \$15,000. It is important to acknowledge the work of our faculty and this will allow these recognitions of excellence to come with substantive financial awards. I would like to also thank the LSU Alumni Association for their ongoing contributions to these awards.

Finally, as you are likely aware there has been an increased focus recently on the issue of engagement on campus. One area where I and many of my fellow faculty feel we have made significant strides in engagement is shared governance on campus, most notably in our relationship with the administration. President Tate recently attended two of our Faculty Senate meetings, speaking frankly and fielding faculty questions for nearly an hour on both occasions. He also met with Senate leadership for two hours early in the semester and both have agreed to hold monthly meetings moving forward to continue our collaboration.

We also have a very productive relationship with Executive Vice President and Provost Haggerty, who upon his arrival at LSU implemented regular meetings attended by Senate leadership and the Vice Provosts. These meetings have allowed us to be proactive in identifying emerging issues and to work together to minimize the disruptions they impose upon our faculty, staff and students.

A particularly good example of the benefits of collaboration between faculty and administration can be seen in the area of information technology. Approximately one year ago we created a Faculty Senate IT Committee chaired by Professor of Physics and Senate Secretary Parampreet Singh and includes Chief Information Officer Craig Woolley and Chief Information

Security Officer Sumit Jain. Their task has been to work together to develop policies that provide the network and data security we need while protecting the ability of our faculty and students to pursue their scholarship. This committee has done tremendous work on policies which are technically demanding and require significant time and attention, and we look forward to continuing this relationship with ITS even after the policies are complete.

Overall, I believe that the current relationship between the faculty and administration is the best I've observed since I arrived in 2012. I cannot deny that as an institution we face significant challenges and no doubt there will be more to come. However, if we continue to capitalize on and grow these positive trends in engagement between faculty and administration, allowing us to work together in a coordinated manner towards our common objectives, I am sure that we will put ourselves in the best position possible to confront whatever challenges may arise and continue our joint pursuit of excellence at LSU.

LSUA - LaBorde reported the following: LSUA continues to be the fastest growing public university in Louisiana with the online programs increasing at an incredible rate. We expect enrollment to top 6000 for the fall 24 semester.

Of note, this semester, our ON-

The past three site visits have been very successful, and we received the maximum 8 year term of reaccreditation in 2001, 2009, and 2017. We hope to have similar success in 2025.

2. Beginning a strategic planning process to set goals and objectives for the next five years. This will build upon the strategic planning process for the Health Sciences Center which will be completed soon.

3. Demolition of floors 5, 6, 7 of the Medical Education Building will be completed shortly.

We hope to quickly move on to the construction phase of building out new laboratory space and office suites.

If we remain on the current timeline, we will have three floors of the best laboratory space in Louisiana within two years. This will help us recruit top level research scientists.

Hirings include Physical Therapy Department Head, Hao Liu, began term 12/1/23

Environmental & Occupational Health Grants Awarded • LSUHSC-Wide Intramural Research Program (WIRP) (LSUHSC), (3/1/2024- 2/28/2926) \$160,000.