

LSU Council of Faculty Advisors Meeting

September 6, 2024

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

I. Call to order.

S Kimboj called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Tirone (LSUA&M), Kimboj (LSUHSC-New Orleans), LaBorde (LSUA), Newton (PBRC), and Kevin McCarter, (LSUAg- Alternate); Megan Flavin (LSUHSC-Shreveport)

Members absent: Alexander (LSUS), Greaud (LSUE)

Guests: Param Singh (LSUA&M)

III. There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April meeting

Tirone made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2024 meeting. Newton made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Introductions followed

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to Baton Rouge. The five-day course will provide gold standard and cutting-edge research methodologies for conducting obesity and nutrition related research.

- The annual Men's Health Summit will return to Pennington Biomedical on Saturday, Sept. 14. One of Pennington Biomedical's signature events, the Men's Health Summit welcomes all men in the Capital Region to the Center for a day of educational sessions and a wide variety of health screenings.

LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport

- Md. Shenuarin Bhuiyan, PhD, Associate Professor of Pathology & Translational Pathobiology, was awarded an R01 grant totaling \$3,301,740 over five years from the NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Dr. Bhuiyan's research focuses on defining the physiological functions of the Sigma1 receptor (Sigmar1)—a widely expressed protein in the heart and discovering its protective functions during adverse changes to the heart and heart failure.

- Ana-Maria Dragoi, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Molecular & Cellular Physiology, was awarded an R01 grant totaling \$1,788,500 over five years from the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for her project "Mechanism of macrophage colonization in gonorrhea."

- Dr. Dragoi's and Dr. Bhuiyan's grants are two of 31 active R01 grants awarded to researchers at LSU Health Shreveport.

- Dr. Cory Coehoorn, PhD, Chair of the School of Allied Health PhD Program in Rehabilitation Sciences, serves as the Principal Investigator in a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) signed with the Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC),

- National recognition of LSU chemistry faculty: Zakiya Wilson-Kennedy was recently named a fellow of the American Chemical Society and, just this week, Fatima Rivas' research on using ergosterol peroxide from mushrooms to treat cancer was featured on the cover of ACS Omega.
- The combination of LSU, the AgCenter and Pennington Biomedical collectively increased its research and development expenditures from FY 20 to FY 23 by 34%, with \$384 million in expenditures for the last fiscal year. This number increases to almost \$488 million when you add in the Health Science Centers in Shreveport and New Orleans, a 37.5% increase over the same time period.
- We have also seen correspondingly impressive outputs in scholarship. From 2019 through 2023, our

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