

LSU Council of Faculty Advisors Meeting

October 10, 2024

LSU A&M Administration Building, 11 a.m.

I. Call to order.

Dan called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Tirone (LSUA&M), Kimboj (LSUHSC-New Orleans), LaBorde (LSUA), Owen Carmichael - alternate (PBRC), and Rachelle Brown, (LSUE); Megan Flavin (LSUHSC-Shreveport) Kevin McCarter - alternate (Ag)

Members absent: Cassandra Williams (LSUS)

Guests: none

III. There were no public comments.

Kimboj asked about the process for public comments. Tirone clarified that potential speakers should register one hour before the meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes from September meeting

The minutes were approved from the September meeting.

Introductions followed because of the number of guests in attendance. All were welcomed.

V. Resolution on Sabbatical Leave

The thought is that sabbatical leave would be reserved for tenured faculty. Resolution on this but this isn't in the board packet for some reason. The Legislature has required all systems to identify state dollars spent on programs. It's anticipated that this resolution will call for the board to direct the system to conduct a study of all programming on all campus. The intent is to avoid any litigation that would be brought forth because of race in light of the recent Harvard decision. It should have verbiage to protect academic freedom and student groups. It should protect faculty staff caucuses. Scholarships that are race specific may need to be updated after this study. General discussion followed.

Kimboj mentioned there have been numerous discussions on his campus about HR. At LSU the Human Resources group does not always understand or follow the faculty rank, which admittedly can be confusing. We need make sure folks are categorized appropriately. Discussion followed about the lack of training of staff on several campus.

General brief discussion followed about the Free Speech order and the request to have Mike the Tiger back in Tiger Stadium for LSU football games. According to the Vet School, Mike the Tiger is likely to stay as is to protect LSU's Sanctuary Status for Mike's habitat.

Issue 6, the autumn publication of Poets' Espresso Review

- Three of Art Instructor Symantha Jones' mixed-media artwork is featured in a two-page

School of Public Health

- The American College of Epidemiology (ACE) awarded Dr. Edward Trapido the **Distinguished Service Award on September 11, 2020** Over the course of 21 years, Dr. Trapido was the President of the American College of Epidemiology, the Chair of two of

scholarship!

- This scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate leadership, community service, and strong academic standing and whose application essay reflects their plan to contribute to a well-prepared and diverse occupational therapy workforce.

Occupational Therapy Pi Theta Epsilon Honor Society

- On Friday October 4, the Department of Occupational Therapy inducted its 25th cohort of students into the national occupational therapy honor society, Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE).
- Membership in PTE is an honor and reflects the students' top academic status in their class and strong leadership potential.

Pennington Biomedical Research Center

- The 2024 Men's Health Summit was held on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Pennington Biomedical Conference Center. The event attracted more than 300 people from across the region for health screenings, vaccinations, and educational sessions.
- Pennington Biomedical's Center for Military Performance and Resilience has partnered with the U.S. Army to assess the health and nutritional status of active-duty members. The study is funded by the Department of Defense and is called the Military Health and Nutrition Examination Study – MHANES. It is modeled on the National Health

Annex, to support the growth of our science programs, and to expand opportunities for students to work with faculty on research projects. We are also opening a Business Engagement Center and a new Advising Suite.

- Faculty at LSUS continue a sustained record of publications and grants. For example, this semester Dr. Subhajt Chakrabarty in Computer Sciences received an NIH AIM-AHEAD grant of \$129,258 for his project, "Measuring Health Access for Colorectal Cancer Outcomes in Louisiana. AIM-AHEAD is an NIH funded Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning Consortium to Advance Health Equity and Researcher Diversity. Dr. Chakrabarty's Co-Investigators on this collaborative inter-institutional project include: Dr. Steven Conrad, LSU Health Professor of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, and Surgery; Dr. Peter Siska, LSUS Professor of Biological Sciences (GIS specialist); and Dr. Debarshi Roy, Alcorn state University Assistant Professor of Biology (cancer biologist).
- Dr. Marisa Connell, from the LSUS department of Biological Science received \$224,798 for "Identifying the mechanisms by which Kin17 promotes EMT," a 2-year project through the NIH-funded LBRN. This study will seek to identify the downstream effectors of Kin17 in driving the transition to metastasis and identify chemotherapy drugs what will most effectively treat cancers that overexpress Kin17.
- These are just a few samples to indicate how LSUS is thriving and adapting meet the demands of our changing world.

LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport

School of Allied Health Professions

- Dr. Deborah Smith, PhD, MPH, BSN, Assistant Professor of Public Health was recently awarded the LACaTS Roadmap Scholar Award. She will conduct a study among non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic adult women to assess the associations between social determinants of health factors and cervical cancer as well as examine the association between levels of health literacy and willingness to undertake the HPV vaccine and cervical cancer screening.

School of Graduate Studies

- The Master of Medical Science Program, now in its third year, is proving to be successful in strengthening applications for medical school with 80% (12 of the 15) of the program graduates being accepted into medical school.
- The Graduate School has launched a research mentoring program with a curriculum reflecting national standards in effective mentoring.

School of Medicine

- Steven Flynn, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology in Monroe has successfully engaged in graduate medical education delivering far reaching impacts by developing study materials covering basic science and clinical concepts that are now hosted on the American Academy of Ophthalmology's website. His teaching modules get upwards of 20,000 views on the AAO website each month from national and international audiences.
- Dr. Wayne Orr, PhD, Professor of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology and Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences was elected as the President-Elect

of the North American Vascular Biology Organization.

LSUA&M

- LSU received as many as five NSF CAREER awards in the past year, a leading indicator of top research universities' ability to attract talent:

<https://www.lsu.edu/mediacenter/news/2024/10/02-nsf-career-awards.php>

- Our advances in energy research continue with a new well for CO2 research being drilled at PERTT in collaboration with industry partners Halliburton and ExxonMobil:

<https://www.lsu.edu/eng/news/2024/09/lsu-pertt-new-co2-research-well>.

- LSU and our Championship Health Partner Our Lady of the Lake Health just announced the first round of awards for the Collaboration in Action program, which aims to solve cancer, obesity, athletes' health, and more. This comes from Our Lady of the Lake Health's \$170 million watershed investment in LSU announced in 2022:

https://www.lsu.edu/mediacenter/news/2024/09/24_olol_lsu_research.php

- LaHouse was awarded a competitive NSF grant, \$1.5 million, to develop flood risk reduction software that helps Louisiana homeowners look at different flood scenarios and see how mitigation strategies available today might perform under various future climate conditions: <https://www.lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1727895990655>

- Boyd Professor Suzanne Marchand has been elected president of the American Historical Association, the largest professional association for historians in the world, while Boyd Professor Gabriela González has been elected vice-president of the American Physical Society.

Discussion of Cross-System Faculty Collaboration

Discussion ensued on topics that might be of interest to faculty across the system. Items mentioned were faculty communication and collaboration across the system; HR and retirement issues; faculty governance; and PM 23 which addresses faculty appointment and promotion. Tirone mentioned that the State Retirement Task Force is bringing everyone to the table about retirement for higher ed. Much discussion followed, particularly about retirement options. It was suggested that we perhaps look at a date in the spring for a Senate Summit outside our regular meeting time so that we are not so constrained by time to get to the board meeting.

VI.

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Public Comments*
- BoS Chairperson Mr. Jimmie M. Woods Sr. and Vice Chair Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
- Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2024 Meeting
- New Business
 - Campus Reports
 - Discussion of Cross-System Faculty Collaboration

Adjournment before 12:30pm

*It is intended that public comments may be made (1) when they relate to a matter on the agenda and (2) when individuals desiring to make public comments have registered at least one hour prior to the meeting by emailing facultysenate@lsu.edu. When registering, individuals should identify themselves; the group they are representing, if appropriate; and the topic on which they would like to comment. To ensure that the meeting is conducted in an efficient manner, each individual will be limited to 3 minutes for their public comments and the Chair reserves the right to limit the total number of public comments if necessary