

**State University of New York  
College of Environmental Science and Forestry**

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**Meeting of the Faculty  
September 20, 2001**

Attendance: L. Abrahamson, D. Allen, T. Amidon, A. Baird, C. Baycura, W. Bentley, P. Black, C. Bobbie, G. Boyer, R. Brock, H. Canham, J. Culcowski, D. Daley, C. Davis, C. Dawson, T. Dibble, A. Drew, M. Duggin, E. Elkins, J. Ellis, M. Fellows, M. Fennessey, R. Feola, D. Fernando, T. Fletcher, J. Fragoso, R. Francis, R. Frey, T. Gigliotti, R. Hanna, J. Heffernan, P. Hopkins, T. Horton, E. Irvin, S. Keller, G. Kyanka, Y. Lai, C. Langlois, A. Lewis, K. Limburg, M. Lomolino, V. Luzadis, P. Manion, C. Maynard, M. Meisner, D. Muller-Schwarze, C. Murphy, J. Nakas, F. Nyland, W. Powell, L. Quackenbush, J. Rawls, D. Raynal, N. Ringler, S. Stanford, A. Saunders, K. Schulz, R. Schuster, G. Scott, H. Shaw, K. Silvius, J. Smith, L. Smith, W. Smith, C. Spuches, A. Stipanovic, M. Storrings, W. Tully, J. Turner, D. VanTress, T. Volk, J. Wagner, J. Wasiel, C. Webb, R. Whaley, E. White, W. Winter, L. Yakawiak, L. Zhang

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm in 5 Illick Hall by Dudley Raynal, who conducted the meeting in the absence of Executive Chair Scott Shannon.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes**

There were no modifications of the minutes of the College Faculty meeting of April 26, 2001.

**III. Report of the President - Dr. Neil Murphy**

Dr. Murphy used a Powerpoint presentation (attached) to report on several items to start the year. These included the schedule for the final stages of the Middle States reaffirmation of accreditation; a strategic planning update; the U.S. News & World Report naming ESF as one of America's best colleges; the ESF 2001-2002 budget forecast; fall enrollment; preliminary goals for the year; and the announcement of the appointments of Dr. Rawls and Dr. Spuches to Associate Deanships. Dr. Murphy introduced Dan Zuniga of the Undergraduate Student Association to present a summary of their 9-11 relief efforts. USA developed a 5 point plan for immediate and continuing efforts (see diagram in President's report). Zuniga made a plea for faculty and staff to get involved to help promote the effort.

**IV. Report of the Executive Committee**

Dr. Dudley Raynal reported for Chair Shannon.

*Strategic Planning* - Faculty governance will sponsor an open forum for our October 25 meeting to address cross-cutting issues for the planning effort. Following the discussion of October 25, a questionnaire will be sent to be sure all have an opportunity to have input on broad issues.

*Recognition of past service to Faculty Governance* - Those who served faculty governance during the last year were thanked for their service. Chuck Spuches moved that we formally acknowledge them, Doug Allen seconded, passed unanimously. Those whose service was completed include: Allen Lewis, Committee on Instruction; James Palmer, Committee on Research; Douglas Daley, Secretary; Benette Tiffault, SU Senator; and the following elected and appointed Standing Committee members: Sid Chaterjee, Jane Verostek, Peter Black, Dietland Muller-Schwarze, Susan Anagnost, Robert Meyer, and Robin Hoffman.

*Welcome to new faculty* - Faculty Chairs and department heads or their representatives introduced the following new faculty and staff:

EFB - Dr. Jose Fragoso - assistant professor, wildlife ecology  
Dr. Tom Horton - assistant professor, plant pathology  
Dr. Annette Kretzer - adjunct in molecular biology

Dr. Kirsten Silvius - adjunct in conservation biology  
Dr. Mark Lomolino - assistant professor, conservation biology, biogeography  
FOR - Dr. Rudy Schuster - assistant professor, recreation  
Dr. Diane Kuehn - instructor in recreation, Coastal tourism specialist with NY Sea Grant  
ERE - Lindy Quackenbush - lecturer in mapping sciences;  
Mark Storrings, instructional support specialist in mapping sciences  
Trevis Gigliotti - coordinating the NASA project  
FCH - Andrea Baird - instructor in chemistry  
UG Admissions - Rocky Feola - Admissions assistant  
Lori Yakawiak - Admissions advisor  
News & Pubs - Karen Moore - public relations associate

#### **V. Special Report on General Education Assessment**

Dr. Chuck Spuches presented a brief report (attached) on the next phase of the general education plan. We must submit a plan to assess our program. We have received a grant from SUNY Central to look at a portion of our program.

#### **VI. Report from Committee on Instruction**

Dr. Gary Scott reviewed the committee's agenda for the year, and key web addresses were given. See attached report.

#### **VII. Report from Committee on Research**

Dr. Charles Maynard presented the agenda for the year. It includes review of McIntire-Stennis research proposals and the Focus on Student Research Poster Session.

#### **VIII. Report from Committee on Public Service**

Dr. Dudley Raynal reported that this committee partners with the other committees, and will do similar coordinated events again this year.

#### **IX. New Business**

Faculty Governance Executive Committee announced that it is looking into recommending honorary degree recipients. This requires a SUNY process that takes some time and the Executive Committee is following up on this at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Luzadis  
Secretary