

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

**Meeting of the Faculty
March 20, 2003**

Attendance: E. Bevilacqua, A. Chatterjee, S. Chatterjee, C. Davis, E. Elkins, J. Ellis, R. Germain, C. Hall, Ja. Hassett, J. Heffernan, L. Herrington, P. Hopkins, M. Lomolino, V. Luzadis, C. Maynard, M. Meisner, C. Murphy, D. Morrison, T. Nakatsugawa, W. Powell, L. Quakenbush, N. Ringler, G. Scott, S. Shannon, R. Smardon, K. Tiss, J. Turner, J. Verostek, J. Wasiel, L. Zhang.

I. Call to Order and Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. in Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall by Executive Chair, Dr. J. Scott Turner.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes

The notes of the College Faculty meeting of February 20, 2003 stand as posted.

III. Kudos - Dr. J. Scott Turner

Mark Lomolino - On election to the Presidency of the International Biogeographical Society.

Hugh Canham - On selection as Forester of the Year by the NY Society of American Foresters for "exemplary leadership in New York forestry".

Chris Nowak - on receiving the Forestry Communications Award from the NY Society of American Foresters, for "outstanding achievement as Science and Technology Coordinator".

Bob Malmshemer - on receiving the 2002 Chair's Commendation from the NY Society of American Foresters, for "outstanding efforts as editor of *New York Forester*".

Scott Turner - on being awarded the Senior Award for Excellence in Research from the Syracuse Chapter of Sigma Xi.

IV. Announcements

- Proposed protocols for selection of Chancellor Awards for Excellence and Distinguished Professorships are posted at <http://www.esf.edu/facgov/miscellaneous/awrdprot.pdf>.
- Dr. Robin Kimmerer will have a book launch and signing on March 22.
- The Rational Fiscal Policy Report will be available in the faculty governance archives in the library and is on the web on the SUNY Central web site.
- A SEVIS update was given by Dr. James Heffernan (see attached notes).
- Dr. Charles Maynard reported that the Spotlight on Research and Public Outreach is set for April 10 with over 100 titles submitted. Two McIntire-Stennis awards will be announced on March 25.

V. General Education Guidelines

Dr. Valerie Luzadis briefly reviewed the guidelines as originally presented at the February 20 meeting of Faculty Governance. The Executive Committee moved to accept the guidelines as presented, motion carried.

VI. Committee on Instruction - Dr. Gary Scott

The Committee moved to accept the proposed changes in the Honors Program, including ESF 309 to replace HNR 309, and adjustments to ESF 499 to correspond with changes in Syracuse University's honors program. Students will complete the following: ESF 309, two 400, 500 or 600-level courses, ESF 499 (4 credits) and must have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 in upper division coursework. Motion carried.

The Committee moved to adjust the Chemistry curriculum as follows: drop the requirement for CHE 357 "Physical Chemistry Laboratory" from the spring semester, junior year.; add a requirement for CHE 411 "Inorganic Chemistry" to the fall semester, senior year; and move a general education elective from the fall, senior year to the spring, junior year. Motion carried.

VIII. Report of the President - Dr. Neil Murphy

Dr. Murphy's report included an update on environmental compliance, the federal appropriations plan for FY 2004, a report of ESF's involvement in the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade, and an update on the Biotech Research Center. See attached report for full information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Luzadis
Secretary