



Faculty Governance Meeting 04/12/2007

1. See attached document for attendance list
 - a. Rudy Schuster was absent today; minutes were taken by Laura Lautz,
2. Call to Order at 3:37
 - a. Bill Shields
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting Approved
 - a. Rudy Schuster
3. Report of President Murphy

American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment

On Jan 17th, 2007, President Neil Murphy signed a commitment for this initiative on behalf of ESF.

- Modeled after the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
- Coordinated and promoted by:
 1. Second Nature
 2. Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
 3. ecoAmerica
- Commitment in Pursuit of Climate Neutrality; our responsibilities include:
 1. Development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality
 2. Initiate two or more actions to reduce greenhouse gases
 3. Make the action plan, inventory and periodic progress reports publicly available through AASHE
- ESF is Part of the Leadership Circle
 - Participation in the June 2007 Summit
 - Signatory as of 1/19/07

SUNY Budget - FY 07/08

We received a significant increase in funding for the 07-08 fiscal year.

- Executive Budget:

FY 06/07 Adjusted State Tax Dollar Support	\$1,978,851,000
Base Adjustments	79,873,000
New Initiatives	16,617,000
FY 07/08 Total State Tax Dollar Support	\$2,075,341,000

Legislative Additions:	
*Enrollment growth, full-time faculty, expansion of opportunity and high need program	\$10,000,000
Additional program support for Educational Opportunity Centers	2,300,000
Additional support for the Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking Program	6,095,000
*Additional Educational Opportunity Program	840,000
Additional Support for the Cornell Cooperative Extension	500,000
Additional support for the Small Business Development Center	500,000
	\$20,235,000

Other Items:

- Legislature rescinded proposal to offset \$9M in State support with revenue from RF IDCR
- Capital:
 - \$100M in Critical Maintenance
 - \$279.7M in Individual Projects (\$23M for new ESF Academic Research Bldg.)

SUNY 2007-08 Financial Plan Approved by Trustees

- SUNY Financial Plan \$2,390,385,500
- ESF Financial Plan \$36,391,200
(4.9% increase)
- ESF has the Second Highest Increase of all 34 Statutory Colleges/Universities

Development Activities

- Foundation Assets at \$20,015,147
- Timber Harvesting on Three Foundation Properties (yielded \$108K this year)
- Closure on Three Foundation Properties (~\$204K in asset value)
- Summer Skaneateles Event (Polo in Skaneateles)
- Feinstone Event (Fall, Environmental Writers)

Campus Master Planning

Rich Hawks, Tim Toland and Sharon Doble getting students, staff and faculty involved in process.

Undergraduate Recruitment/Admissions

- Fall 2007 Metrics as of 4/7/07
- 25% increase in undergraduate applications

	Fall 2007	Fall 2006
Applications	1772	1402
Acceptances	907	868
Deposits	220	294

- Applications: Positive Trends for Departments
 - EFB +178
 - Env. Sci. +59
 - For. Eng. +18
 - ES +13
 - FNRM +30
 - LA +25
 - PBE +42
 - Ranger School +9
- Accepted Student Reception
 - Friday, 4/13, Gifford Auditorium
 - Huntington Beard Crouse Hall
- Ranger School Open House
 - Saturday, 4/26
- New Assets in Recruiting Students
 - Lower Division Honors Program
 - Expansion of Presidential Scholarship Program
 - On-line: College Board Advertising

Graduate Recruitment/Admissions

- Fall 2007 Metrics as of 4/1/07

	2007	2006	2005
Applications	375	307	267
Acceptances	127	117	109
No Decision	43	36	57
In Process	57	61	30
Accepted/Coming	38	19	13

- Activities/Assistance
 - Greater Graduate Stipends/Tuition Waiver Resources
 - Improved Web-based Information
 - Attendance at Graduate School Fairs
 - Accepted Student Receptions
- President Murphy showed a list of the many prestigious universities we have received graduate applications from.

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Professor

- The Distinguished Professor Rank was created by the SUNY Board of Trustees to recognize and reward the scholarship and research of SUNY's finest and most accomplished faculty and to provide the system-wide acknowledgement this level of achievement merits.

–Dr. Myron J. Mitchell

SUNY Chancellor's Awards

- *The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service* recognizes the consistently superior service contributions of teaching faculty. This service must be sustained over multiple-years and is geared toward effecting positive change and generous giving of personal time. The nature of the service exceeds the work generally considered to be part of their basic professional obligation.

–Dr. Donald J. Leopold

SUNY Chancellor's Awards

- *The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service* recognizes consistently superior professional achievement within and beyond the position. Individuals who have repeatedly sought improvement of themselves, their campuses and ultimately the State University and, in doing so, have transcended the normal definitions of excellence. Individuals who serve as professional role models for a University system in the pursuit of excellence.

–Ms. Leah A. Flynn

4. Reports of Standing & Ad Hoc Committees

- a. COI: Larry Smart
 - i. Reminder: Ask students to put in electronic evaluations of advising.
- b. Research: Bill Powell
 - i. Reminder: Spotlight on Research is April 29th in Nifkin Lounge
 - ii. Thank you to Ted Endreny for putting the Spotlight together
 - iii. This year's recipient of the outstanding researcher award is Dr. Keiber
- c. Public Service & Outreach: Alan Drew
 - i. Committee is collaborating with Outreach Office on October Symposium on Teaching and Learning: Topic will be "Service Learning"
 - ii. Committee is always interested in membership; please see Allan Drew regarding joining the committee.

5. New Business

- a. Marissa Miller is new president of undergraduate student association. Thank you to Steve Fox for his past service as president of USA.
- b. There have been no nominations for any positions in faculty governance.

- c. There have been no revisions to the faculty governance bylaws by those that volunteered to do so.
 - d. There is still very low attendance at the faculty governance meetings.
 - e. The Faculty voted against revised governance in the past. Revisions were targeted to improve participation in and effectiveness of faculty governance. Generally, those who voted down the revisions do not attend meetings or assist with faculty governance.
 - f. We may have to find a new executive chair next year, pending the level of faculty involvement in faculty governance.
 - g. The executive chair encourages individuals to volunteer for positions in faculty governance or nominate others.
 - h. If no one else cares about faculty governance, the executive chair will not care about faculty governance.
 - i. Question: What is the revised deadline for nominations for faculty governance? Answer: The deadline passed weeks ago. There is no accommodation for this situation in the current bylaws. Given the need for filling openings in faculty governance, nominations must be received soon enough to be voted on in a faculty meeting in May.
6. Old Business - none
7. Adjourn at 4:15