

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

**Meeting of the Faculty
October 26, 2000**

Attendance: Amidon, Thomas; Bennet, Marla A; Bevilacqua, Eddie; Black, Peter E; Boothroyd, Brian; Blaskiewicz, Raymond W; Caluwe, Paul M; Chatterjee, Avik; Daley, Douglas J; Davis Craig J; Deming, Ellen; Dibble, Theodore S; Drew, Allan P; Driscoll, Mark S; Duggin, Michael J; Elkins, Elizabeth A; Ellis, Joanne C; Fellows, Maureen; Fletcher, Thomas R; Floyd, Donald W; Frey, Robert H; Gratzner, Miklos; Hassett, John P; Heffernan, James M; Hopkins, Paul F; Irvin, Elaine; Keller, Steven; Kieber, David; Lewis, Allen R; Meisner, Mark S; Meyer, Robert W; Murphy, Cornelius B; Nakatsugawa, Tsutomu;; Palmer, James F; Popkess, Lucy C; Raynal, Dudley J; Reuter, Dayton; Ringler, Neil H; Sanford, Susan; Schulz, Kimberly; Schwab, Richard; Scott, Gary M; Senecah, Susan L; Shannon, Scott; Shields, William J.; Smith, Leonard A; Stipanovic, Arthur J; Storrings, Deborah; Tiss, Kenneth J; VanDruff, Larry; View, John; Vonhof, Sarah L; Webb, Constance S; Whaley, Ross S.; White, Edwin H; Zhang, Lianjun; Zoccolillo, Jeannette W

I. Call to Order

Chairman Scott Shannon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in 5 Illick Hall.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of College Faculty meeting of September 28, 2000 were approved with no modifications.

III. Report of the President

Dr. Murphy presented a Powerpoint presentation report (hard copy attached) summarizing six major points: SUNY President's meeting; Government Relations; Indoor Environmental Quality; General Education Requirements; President's Retreat with Student Leaders; and Administrative Issues. Highlights of the President's Report are summarized herein.

Government Relations: SUNY is becoming more proactive in lobbying for federal money, using lobbyists such as Bill Paxon.

SUNY administration is examining the paperwork load on the Colleges, trying to determine what paperwork do we submit that is not adding value to the process. The College has \$450,000 on Congressman Walsh's member item list, most of which will be allocated to Paul Hopkins for continued work on the NASA ARC project. The President is developing a FY 2002 list for legislative funding.

Indoor Environmental Quality program is related to technology transfer and the NYSTAR program. A proposal related to entrepreneurship (\$160,000) has been

submitted with Syracuse University and Upstate Medical University as project partners. SU, ESF, Upstate Medical University, University at Buffalo and Clarkson are participating a STAR proposal to develop environmental sensors (\$15 to \$20 million).

General Education: There is a significant disconnect between the 2-year and 4-year institutions. Four-year schools are not capturing the 2-year graduates and it is perceived that General Education requirements are not helping this to happen. President Murphy recognized the efforts of Dean Frey and Professor Lewis for their efforts in working with a SUNY Board edict (not a policy) in a compressed time frame under difficult circumstances. The President urged patience and collegiality in addressing the General Education requirements. The SUNY Chancellor is “not happy” that the community colleges will not have the necessary transfer rate to the four year schools because of “GENED”. The review of general education appeals and requests has been suspended until after November 6 Provost Advisory Council meeting. The SUNY Registrar’s Association is also reviewing procedures. The President predicts that the General Education requirements will be modified in the next 12 months. ESF will petition for changes. In the meantime, the President urged us to pause, have patience, and partake in constructive dialogue so we may have a considered, constructive response to the General Education requirements.

The President received feedback from student leader’s retreat about topics such as career services visibility; career fair; graduate school mentoring; availability and quality of tutors; advisor training; evaluation of effective teaching; diversity in the faculty; and student voice in teaching evaluations.

The President reported on the formation and progress made by three committees: Institutional Advancement (to coordinate and communicate institutional development); Research and Graduate Strategy (to increase sponsored research); and Recruitment (to create ideas and support for meeting the Colleges’ recruitment goals).

IV. Report of the Executive Committee – No report

V. Report of the Committee on Research– No report

VI. Report of the Committee on Instruction (Lewis)

The Committee recommended approval of proposed revisions to ESF 499, FOR 364/FOR 564, LSA 799 and LSA 800. Passed voice vote. Revisions attached. The Committee recommended approval of The Faculty of EFB deleting 26 courses from its offerings. Passed voice vote. Deletions attached.

A Subcommittee on General Education has been formed. Professor Lewis using a PowerPoint presentation explained the function of the subcommittee. Hard copy of the presentation is attached for reference.

In response to a question from Dr. Floyd, President Murphy indicated that the ESF General Education Plan as revised in August 2000 would be implemented this year with review continuing through the year. Professor Lewis emphasized that the Faculty approved a plan in December 1999, some parts of which were subsequently rejected; therefore, the Faculty-approved plan has no standing as of now, anyway.

Marla Bennett reported on the ESF Honors Program (copy attached). The program had three students graduate in May 2000; there are currently 22 in the program. The program provides benefits such as independent research at the undergraduate level, faculty contact and improved opportunity for graduate school assistantships. A concern now is the need for additional faculty participation in the program.

VII. Report of the Committee on Public Service– No report

VIII. Report of the SUNY Senator (Driscoll)

Mark Driscoll reported on the University Faculty Senate Meeting of October 19-21, 2000 (see attached notes). The Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor reflected themes similar to those expressed by the President's Report. In terms of federal funds, SUNY has not been getting money at the same rate as other large public institutions. We have public relations problems within the SUNY administration, and SUNY central is not responsive to campuses. The Faculty Senate passed a number of resolutions that will be posted on the Faculty Governance Web Page.

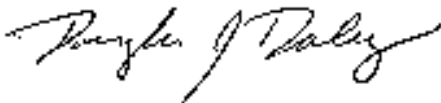
IX. Report of the SU Senator– No report

X. Old Business: None.

XI. New Business: None.

XII. Adjournment at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas Daley
Secretary