

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

**Meeting of the Faculty
February 15, 2001**

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 November 30, 2000 were approved with no modifications.

III. Report of the President

Dr. Murphy presented a Powerpoint presentation report (hard copy attached) summarizing: SUNY Budget 2001-2002; Visibility for ESF; and Recruitment

Some highlights of the presentation include:

If the SUNY budget included an additional \$600,000 for ESF, how would you spend it?

ESF was recognized in a *Chronicle of Higher Education* article as a "hidden jewel".

On January 22, 2001 SUNY and the Research Foundation honored two faculty from ESF for their roles in Research in Science and Medicine: James Hassett and Robert M. Silverstein.

Governor Pataki's 2001 State of the State addressed areas in which ESF will play a significant role: brownfields redevelopment; high tech economic development; and quality communities initiative.

The strategic planning initiative, Daring to Dream, will occur over the next 18 months. The approach has been outlined with the aid of Maureen Fellows, Chuck Spuches and Julie Rawls. The target is to deliver the strategic plan to the College Board of Trustees in September 2002.

ESF is promoting itself in local publications such as the Daily Orange and Syracuse New Times.

Faculty assistance is needed in order to meet the recruitment goals for the Fall of 2001. Our focus will be on increasing the yield of accepted students; this will need improved department-to-accepted student connections. Faculty assistance with correspondence to accepted students, attendance at receptions and availability to meet with accepted students is needed.

Dr. Murphy will report at the next Faculty meeting on action items raised at the Middle States Accreditation forum with faculty and staff on January 9, 2001.

Comments and discussion after the President's report focused on the desire of students to obtain more experiential learning during lower division courses and to take more lower division courses at ESF, the "home campus."

IV. Report of the Executive Committee –

Ms. Roanne Bosch and Ms. Caroline Romano representing the Undergraduate Student Association (USA) were invited to speak to the Faculty. The TVs are removed from the lounge in Marshall Hall. Students will be seeking faculty participation in Earth Week activities, Spring Awards Banquet and TGIFs. The ESF student relationship with SU and the student fees assessed to ESF students by SU is being examined. The USA is also revising its constitution to better reflect student representation. USA has also sponsored the 5th annual Share the Warmth Blanket Drive on campus. USA will be attending SUNY Day in Albany on 3/6/01. Charlie Hall suggested students look into developing guidelines for student conduct (e.g., "politeness") that could be included in a Handbook. Betsy Elkins: The Library has such guidelines on its Web page.

V. Report of the Committee on Research– No report

VI. Report of the Committee on Instruction - (Professor Lewis)

a. Professor Lewis recognized the efforts of Dudley Raynal, Committee on Public Service and Chuck Spuches for efforts in organizing and executing the Symposium of Teaching, Learning and Technology.

b. Committee on Instruction recommends accepting proposal for Faculty of Environmental Studies to change the undergraduate option from "Information and Technology" to "Geographic Information and Technology" and to accept a new course CMN 220 Public Presentation Skills for Environmental Professionals. Hard copy attached. Motion passed voice vote.

c. Committee recommended accepting proposals by Faculty of Paper Science & Engineering, namely:

PSE 361, change pre-requisite of PSE 370 to co-requisite of PSE 370 and change pre-requisite of MAT 397 to co-requisite of MAT 397.

PSE 370: change co-requisite of MAT 397 to co-requisite of MAT 296.

Curriculum changes in Science, Engineering and Management options as detailed in attached documents memo 12/21/00 Tom Amidon to Committee on Instruction. Motion passed voice vote.

d. Committee recommends adopting new course EFB 302 Ecological Monitoring and Biodiversity Assessment and dropping APM 255 from the EFB curriculum. Documents attached Ringler to Lewis memo 12/22/00. Motion passed voice vote.

e. The Committee plans future action on developing guidelines for Course Catalog Descriptions and curriculum changes.

f. Gary Scott reported on the Subcommittee on Academic Standards. 51 students were dismissed in Fall 2000. 30 appealed the dismissal, 20 were accepted on probation.

g. General Education: the subcommittee is monitoring efforts in Albany and at SUNY Central. We are seeking to avoid micro-management of GenEd mandates by SUNY Central and allow implementation by campuses. Provost Tully has requested Chairs to identify scheduling problems with GenEd courses.

Last Faculty meeting to get course curriculum changes for approval for the Catalog is March 22nd Faculty meeting.

VII. Report of the Committee on Public Service– (Dr. Spuches)

Chuck Spuches summarized the results of the Faculty Symposium on Teaching, Learning and Technology on February 2, 2001 in Marshall Hall Lounge. Participants numbered 136, comprised of a number of faculty, administration and students. Received positive feedback and will be considering a faculty /student summit to focus on the 7 principles of good practice in teaching and learning.

VIII. Report of the SUNY Senator (Dr. Driscoll)

Mark Driscoll attended the 127th Plenary Meeting of the University Faculty Senate January 25-27, 2001. A summary of the report is included in the attached documents. The President's report indicates a good working relationship with the Chancellor. The SUNY Executive Budget is characterized as a "good" budget, but State support has shrunk to 32% of the budget in 2001 as compared to 1985, when state support represented 50% of the budget.

IX. Report of the SU Senator– No report

X. Old Business: None.

XI. New Business:

Provost Tully presented information on the Campus Wide Technology Initiative and its relationship to the rehabilitation of Baker Laboratory and classrooms around campus. Hard copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes. In summary, there is a need for comprehensive multi-phased approach to upgrading instructional and presentation technology infrastructure. Approximately \$1.4 million has been spent over the last 10 years. In 1997-1998, we introduced mobile cart systems. The Spring 2001 initiative is to add technology to 10 rooms to bring the total number of multimedia classrooms to 21 across campus. A standard room configuration will cost approximately \$16,000. Marshall Auditorium will be configured at a cost of \$23,000. We anticipate summer academies in May, June and August to train 12-15 faculty in each academy to use and fit into their classes. IDEaS will provide training and support and orientation every semester. The Baker Lab rehabilitation should substantially alleviate some concerns with classroom space, since we'll add one large (130 seat) and one medium (84 seat) classrooms and one seminar room technology support.

XII. Adjournment at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas Daley
Secretary