

**COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & FORESTRY
MEETING OF THE FACULTY
APRIL 13, 2000**

Present: Abrahamson, L.; Bennett, M.; Bevilacqua, E.; Black, P.; Blaskiewicz, R.; Bobbie, C.; Brock, R.; Caluwe, P.; Canham, H.; Corbin, R.; Daley, D.; Dibble, T.; Drew, A.; Elkins, E.; Ellis, J.; Fennessy, M.; Fernando, D.; Fletcher, T.; Francis, R.; Frey, R.; Hanna, R.; Hassett, J.P.; Koepper, R.; Lewis, A.; Malmsheimer, R.; Nakas, J.; Nakatsugawa, T.; Palmer, J.; Popkess, L.; Rawls, J.; Ringler, N.; Sanford, S.; Shannon, S.; Smardon, R.; Spuches, C.; Tully, W.; Wagner, J.; Wasiel, J.; Webb, C.; White, E.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Floyd at 3:00 p.m.

II. Minutes:

The minutes of the March 2, 2000, Faculty Meeting were approved with no modifications.

III. Report of the President (Dr. Whaley):

Dr. Whaley provided his annual reminder to faculty to attend convocation and commencement.

Dr. Whaley provided an update on enrollment through April 2000. Individual phone calls from faculty are part of our success in enrollment. Other statistics are available from Admissions.

The Middle States Accreditation process will commence in May 2000 with planning discussions involving faculty leaders and administration. A visitor from MSA will be on campus in June to meet with these leaders. Individual faculties will be involved with preparation of the internal report throughout the Academic Year 2000-2001. The MSA visiting team will be on campus in the Fall of 2001 or Spring of 2002.

Dr. Whaley concluded his remarks with a thank you to the Faculty for allowing him to work with an inspiring faculty at ESF. He credits students with a "hunger" for learning and an inspiring faculty as important factors in his tenure at ESF.

IV. Committee on Instruction (Professor Lewis)

Proposals for curriculum and course changes from the Faculty of Landscape Architecture passed by voice vote. These changes are described in handouts distributed with the Minutes of April 13, 2000, meeting.

New areas of graduate study in Environmental and Forest Biology were approved by voice vote. These areas are described in handouts distributed with the Minutes of April 13, 2000, meeting.

Dean Frey and Ms. Julie Rawls (Student Life) presented information about the Freshman Dorm Learning Center Initiative. By Fall 2001, 25% of SU housing will be theme-based. At ESF, we desire to group our students to receive maximum value. Ms. Rawls presented information on the Initiative.

V. **Committee on Research (Dr. Palmer)**

Dr. Palmer thanked faculty for support of the Spotlight on Graduate and Undergraduate Research held in Marshall Lounge, 14 April. The panel of speakers attracted approximately 500 people in the discussion, the definition of "sustainability."

VI. **Committee on Public Service (Dr. Canham)**

No report.

VII. **Report of SUNY Senator (Dr. Driscoll)**

No report.

VIII. **Report of the SU Senator (Dr. Senecah)**

There was no report.

IX. **Old Business: Election Results**

Executive Chair: Scott Shannon

Chair Public Service Committee: Dudley Raynal

At Large: Art Stipanovic, Gary Scott, Kim Schultz

X. **New Business:**

Dr. Canham moved to recognize and thank Dr. Floyd for his two years of service as the Faculty Chair. Seconded by Rick Smardon. Passed voice vote.

Dr. Floyd adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas J. Daley
Secretary