

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

**Meeting of the Faculty
April 18, 2002**

Attendance: T. Amidon, R. Appleby, R. Beale, M. Bennett, W. Bentley, E. Bevilacqua, B. Boothroyd, R. Briggs, R. Brock, A. Brown, A. Chatterjee, S. Chatterjee, G. Colella, R. Corbin, D. Daley, C. Davis, C. Dawson, A. Drew, M. Driscoll, E. Elkins, J. Ellis, M. Fellows, T. Fletcher, R. Francis, R. Germain, C. Hall, M. Hall, James Hassett, John Hassett, R. Hawks, J. Heffernan, P. Hopkins, R. Hussein, E. Irvin, S. Keller, C. Langlois, V. Luzadis, C. Maynard, M. Meisner, R. Meyer, C. Murphy, J. Nakas, W. Porter, L. Quackenbush, D. Raynal, N. Ringler, R. Schuster, G. Scott, S. Senecah, S. Shannon, H. Shaw, L. Smith, W. Smith, C. Spuches, A. Stipanovic, K. Tiss, W. Tully, S. Turner, J. Wasiel, R. Whaley, E. White, J. White, R. Yanai.

I. Call to Order and Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. in 140 Baker Laboratory by Executive Chair Scott Shannon.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes

There were no modifications of the minutes of the College Faculty meeting of February 14, 2002.

III. Report of the President - Dr. Neil Murphy

Dr. Murphy used a Powerpoint presentation (attached) to report on environmental compliance, recruitment assistance, and assistance in managing accessory instruction.

IV. Report of the Executive Committee - Professor Scott Shannon

Professor Shannon reminded all of the special faculty meeting on Friday, May 17 to review, discuss, and approve the General Education Assessment Plan. Professor Shannon also announced that the ballots for faculty governance elections will be out within a week or so and the winners will be announced on May 17, 2002.

V. Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Instruction - Dr. Gary Scott

The committee put forth seven motions. The first was to accept the following three proposals from the Faculty of Forest and Natural Resources Management, as presented on the COI web site (eww.esf.edu/coi/): 1) name change for FOR 132 to Freshman Orientation: Forest and Natural Resources Management; 2) revision of the Forest Resources Management program; and 3) new program in natural resources management. The motion carried.

The second motion was to accept the new course ERE 568, as per the COI web site. The motion carried.

The third motion was to accept changes in the Construction Management and Wood Products Engineering undergraduate program as per the COI website. The motion carried.

The fourth motion was to accept the following two proposals from the Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology: 1) new course EFB 202; and 2) changes to undergraduate program as per COI web site. The motion carried.

The fifth motion was to accept the BLA/MS Fast Track proposal from the Faculty of Landscape

Architecture, as per the COI web site. The motion carried.

The sixth motion was to accept two new MPS areas of study from the Faculty of Paper Science and Engineering: pulp and paper technology, and process and environmental systems engineering, as per the COI web site. The motion carried.

The seventh motion was to accept the new program in Environmental Science, details as per the COI web site. The motion carried.

Dr. Scott announced that the committee is planning a series of forums to discuss graduate studies policies on thesis writing; and that there will be a couple of other curriculum motions made at the May 17 meeting in addition to the recommendation to approve the General Education Assessment Plan. Faculty requested that the committee also consider the role of proposal preparation in the Ph.D. program, and electronic publishing of theses.

Committees on Research and Public Service - Drs. Charles Maynard and Dudley Raynal

Drs. Maynard and Raynal announced that the Spotlight on Student Research and Outreach is set for April 29, 2002 with Professor Emmanuel Carter scheduled to make the keynote address.

Report from the SUNY Senator - Dr. Mark Driscoll

Dr. Driscoll reported on the Global Education Network and the Chancellor's report regarding strategic planning, budget, and international education efforts. He also reported on the SUNY connect library system, and Director of College Libraries Elkins pointed out the greater advantages in our current system with Syracuse University. Dr. Driscoll has been asked to serve on the Executive Committee and he announced that Dr. Julie White won an award at a recent meeting on a presentation regarding retention.

New Business

Dr. Hall announced a seminar on Earth Day, April 22 with Ariel Luco. Dr. Senecah announced that she will be on WRVO during Earth week. The Earth Week schedule of events is now available.

An open dialogue was held with President Murphy. A variety of topics was raised including responses to the environmental compliance report the President gave, questions about strategic planning, concerns about competitively marketing our graduate programs, ESF faculty salaries being lower than others, and many questions concerning the potential impact of the President's pursuit of soft money through political activity.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Luzadis
Secretary