State University of New York  
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Meeting of the Faculty  
December 12, 2002


I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. in Alumni Lounge by Executive Chair, Dr. J. Scott Turner.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes
The notes of the College Faculty meeting of November 14, 2002 stand with one spelling correction.

III. Kudos - Dr. J. Scott Turner
To: Chad Dawson (FNRM). Newly-named Chair Designate of Forestry and Natural Resources Management.

To: Don Floyd (FNRM). Newly-named Associate Chair Designate of Forestry and Natural Resources Management.

To: Jim Palmer (Landscape Architecture) who received a SUNY chancellors' award for Research in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. He will be recognized by Chancellor King along with other award recipients at a dinner in Albany on December 16th.

To: James Gibbs (EFB) who donated to the Library a complete set (700 monographs) of The Birds of North America. “May others follow his kind example!”

To: Dave Kieber (Chemistry) who “has had 5 out of 5 of this year's batch of NSF proposals funded, with one still pending [and] is wondering where he is going to find the time...”

To: JoAnne Ellis (Library) who graciously volunteered to put together our refreshments today.

IV. Announcements
Dr. Turner announced that nominations are now being accepted for Chancellor Awards and honorary degrees.

V. Report of the President - Dr. Neil Murphy
Dr. Murphy reported that ESF has been preparing for the EPA audit expected in August and September 2003. He discussed the 2002-2003 Operating Plan to meet the mid-year 5% budget reduction in “base state allocation”. This plan includes reducing accessory instruction hours at Syracuse University, retirements and personnel changes, and reductions in temporary service, the visibility
initiative, computer network/infrastructure, and funding more graduate students from research grants. Dr. Murphy emphasized that faculty can have a real impact by participating in the recruitment process to increase ESF enrollment.

VI. Curriculum Matters - Dr. Gary Scott
On behalf of the Committee on Instruction, Dr. Scott moved that we approve the following biotechnology courses (BTC 132, BTC 420, BTC 498, BTC 499), as presented on the COI website (eww.esf.edu/coi/). The motion carried.

Dr. Scott led a discussion of the proposed changes to the graduate policies for submission to the College Catalog. A vote on revised changes is expected in February, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Luzadis
Secretary