

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

**Meeting of the Faculty  
February 20, 2003**

Attendance: E. Bevilacqua, A. Chatterjee, S. Chatterjee, C. Davis, J. Ellis, R. Germain, C. Hall, Ja. Hassett, J. Heffernan, L. Herrington, P. Hopkins, M. Lomolino, V. Luzadis, C. Maynard, M. Meisner, C. Murphy, D. Morrison, T. Nakatsugawa, W. Powell, L. Quakenbush, G. Scott, S. Shannon, R. Smardon, K. Tiss, J. Turner, J. Verostek, J. Wasiel, L. Zhang.

**I. Call to Order and Agenda Review**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. in Marshall Auditorium by Executive Chair, Dr. J. Scott Turner.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes**

The notes of the College Faculty meeting of December 12, 2002 stand as posted.

**III. Kudos - Dr. J. Scott Turner**

*To: Robin Kimmerer*

On the publication of her book *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses* (Oregon State University Press, Corvallis, Oregon. 176 pages. February 2003.)

*To: Dayton Reuter*

on the publication of his book *Computer Graphics for Architects, Engineers, and Environmental Designers*. (Allworth Press, New York. 246 pages, includes CD-ROM. October 2002.)

*To: Larry Abrahamson*

honored by the Chancellor for his service to University Institutional Review Boards.

To: Ted Dibble:

who led a successful effort by the Chemistry Faculty and LeMoyne College to secure a 3-year NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates grant. This grant will bring talented undergraduates to the ESF campus for a 10-week research experience for the next 3 summers.

*To: Karin Limburg*

who won a Career Development Award from the National Science Foundation.

*To: James Gibbs*

for his outstanding service as a consultant to the World Bank advising them on conservation of the Kihansi Spray Toad in Tanzania.

*To: Jack Manno*

on the publication of his article "Commoditization: Consumption Efficiency and an Economy of Care and Connection" in *Confronting Consumption*. Thomas Princen, Michael Maniates and Ken Conca, editors. MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass. 2002

To: *Chuck Spuches*

on the publication of his articles “Building on Style for More Effective Relationships and Results” in *Field Guide to Academic Leadership*. R. M. Diamond, editor. Jossey-Bass, San Francisco. 2002, and “Teachers and Scholars as Designers: The Art and Practice of Instructional Design.” *Essays of Teaching Excellence* 13(8). The Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education. 2002.

To: *Myrna Hall* who co-authored (with *Daniel Fagre*) the lead article in the February 2003 *BioScience* (Modeled Climate-Induced Glacier Change In Glacier National Park. *Bioscience* 53(2): 1850-2100)

To: *Shawn Philippon, Steve Stehman, Sarah Vonhof, and Eddie Bevilacqua* for their outstanding teaching efforts during the launch of the Forestry and Natural Resources Management major.

#### **IV. Announcements**

- The college has forwarded to SUNY nominations for Chancellor Awards for Excellence and Distinguished Professorships.
- Nominations for Faculty Governance elections are now being taken. Contact Scott Turner or any member of the Executive Committee with your nominations. Nominees will be asked to prepare a brief written statement of their interests and goals in serving on Faculty Governance. Multiple nominees for each opening will be sought. The following positions are up for election this year: Secretary, Chair of Committee on Instruction, Chair of Committee on Research, SU Senator, and Four At-large representatives. Departmental representatives are due for appointment from Environmental & Forest Biology, Wood Products Engineering, Paper Science & Engineering, and the Library.
- SUNY Senate report submitted by S. Scott Shannon (attached).

#### **V. Committee on Research - Dr. Charles Maynard**

Mcintire Stennis Update - Reviews finished & forwarded to Research Office. The awards are being held up pending the Federal budget. Reviewer Comments will be returned once the award are ready to go forward.

Spotlight on Student Research and Outreach (Jointly sponsored by the Public Service Committee and the Research Committee)

Titles due Friday MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>; Abstracts due Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>

Poster Session - Moon Library on April 10<sup>th</sup>

Poster judging and awards will be the responsibility of individual Faculties

Tentative Schedule:

10:00 – 1:30 Posters open to the public

1:00 – 2:30 Attended poster session

GSA Shifting Paradigms Conference - Nifkin Lounge

3:00 – Guest Speaker: Dr. Chad Oliver, Yale University

Preliminary Title: *Paradigms, Paradigm Shifts, Changing Generations, and Global Forest Sustainability*

4:00 - Panel Discussion; 5:00 – Buffet dinner

## **VI. Committee on Instruction - Dr. Gary Scott**

The committee moved to accept FOR 415/615 as proposed, motion carried. The committee moved to drop the following FOR courses from the catalog: 378, 520, 625, 641, 642, 649, 652, 691, motion carried. The committee moved to approve the Master of Forestry degree, motion carried. Deadline for curriculum changes to the 2003-04 catalog is 1 February 2003. Course changes are due 1 March 2003. The committee moved to accept Draft 6 of the Graduate Policies. Scott Shannon moved to amend the motion by changing the statement on “clarification of major professor”, seconded by Rick Smardon, to read as follows: “The major professor shall be a member of the ESF Faculty excepting those with visiting appointment. The major professor, or at least one of the co-major professors, must hold a degree equal to or higher than the degree being sought by the student.” The amendment passed. The motion, as amended, carried.

## **VII. General Education Update - Dr. Valerie Luzadis**

The Provost’s Advisory Committee on Effectiveness and the Faculty Governance Executive Committee recommend that the Executive Committee of Faculty Governance establish a sub-committee of the Committee on Instruction (COI), to be called the General Education Subcommittee (GES) upon approval by the Faculty, details as follows.

### Responsibilities

- Oversee the General Education Program at ESF and recommend improvements in accordance with SUNY General Education Guidelines
- Administer the general education course list for ESF
- Review variances to the general education plan (including student petitions)
- Oversee assessment of the ESF General Education Program at ESF in liaison with the Associate Dean of Outreach, and Instructional Quality & Technology.

### Composition and Terms

The GES will be fully representative of the faculties. The Chair of the GES will be appointed by the Executive Chair from the membership of the COI. Ex-officio members will include: faculty whose courses are being used for assessment of General Education; Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies; Associate Dean of Outreach, and Instructional Quality & Technology; and the Director of Admissions.

The Faculties of Landscape Architecture, Environmental Studies, Forest and Natural Resources Management, and Chemistry shall each, on odd years, identify one representative to serve on the General Education Subcommittee for a term of two years.

The Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology, the Division of Engineering, and the Library and Learning Resources Center shall each, on even years, identify one representative to serve on the General Education Subcommittee for a term of two years.

### Proposal for Implementation

Faculty governance Executive Committee review of the proposal - February 11, 2003

PACE review of proposal - February 18, 2003

Proposal made for discussion at February Faculty Governance Meeting - February 20, 2003

Proposal posted to discussion web site - February 21, 2003

Proposal brought to vote at March Faculty Governance Meeting - March 20, 2003

Establishment of GES-April, 2003

### Notes

The proposed structure follows the existing Faculty Governance by-laws.

This proposal would result in Faculty Chairs being asked to identify one representative to Faculty Governance each year, alternating by years whether the representative serves on the GES or Faculty Governance in general (as per by-laws).

### **VIII. Report of the President - Dr. Neil Murphy**

Dr. Murphy gave a mid-year update of the budget situation including an update of the 2002-2003 operating plan, the 2003-2004 budget forecast, and ESFs FY 2003 federal appropriations. See attached report for full information.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Luzadis  
Secretary