



Meeting Date: 4-20-06

Attendance: Barber, M; Bennett, M; Black, P; Bongarten, B; Davis, C; Dawson, C; Elkins, E; Danilo, F; Flynn, L; Hassett, J; Hawks, R; Steven, K; Leopold, D; Powell, W; Quackenbush, L; Raynal, D; Reynolds, K; Ringler, N; Senecah, S; Shannon, S; Shields, B; Smart, L; Stipanovic, A; Schuster, R; Turbeville, J; Turner, S; View, J; White, E;

1. Call to Order, Scott Shannon, 3:31 pm
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, Rudy Schuster
  - a. Minutes approved
3. Announcements & Report of the Executive Committee Scott Shannon
  - a. New Faculty Announcement, John Hassett
    - i. New chemistry Christopher Get name
  - b. Election Results
    - i. Executive Chair
      1. Bill Shields
    - ii. Chair, Committee on Public Service
      1. Allen Drew
    - iii. SU Senator
      1. Scott Turner
    - iv. At Large Representatives
      1. Shijie Liu, Dave Kieber, & Art Stipanovic
  - c. New Incentive for Service in Faculty Governance
    - i. Incentive provided by the president
      1. \$1000 IFR account to be spent on research and teaching
  - d. Report on Expanded Faculty Governance
    - i. Meeting of approximately 30 people prior to spring break to discuss expansion
    - ii. Representatives from students, three different administrative units, and faculty holding majority of seats
    - iii. Governance meetings would be more inclusive
    - iv. Task force is working on by-laws necessary to modify governance
    - v. Discussion will continue over the next six months or so and eventually the changes will be brought for discussion and a vote.
4. President's Report Neil Murphy
  - Fiscal Year 06/07 Budget
    - Legislative Budget for SUNY
    - Operating
      - \$85.3M core operating budget increase
      - \$25.0M additional enrollment and full-time faculty
      - \$31.7M mandatory cost increases
    - Supplemental
      - \$2.0M additional support for high needs programs
      - \$1.7M additional EOP program funding
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    - Capital

- \$415.8M system/campus capital projects
    - \$15.0M ESF Academic/Research Bldg.
  - Other Capital
    - \$5.0M CNY Biotechnology Research Center
    - \$20.0M Biorefinery of New York
  - TAP Restoration
- Governor’s Line Item Vetoes of Legislative Budget  
“Pataki Vetoes \$2.9 Billion from State Budget”
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- Undergraduate Recruitment/Admissions
  - ESF
    - Freshman +2.1% change 2005-06
    - Transfer +18.9% change 2006-06
  - University Centers +8.3% change 2005-06

- Metrics as of 4/8/06

	2006	2005
Applications	1402	1354
Accepted	868	829
Deposits	294*	327

\*301 as of 4/13

151 extensions requested for deposits

- Concerns
  - Ranger School
    - 53 applications vs. 71
    - More applications per student
  - Assistance of Faculty
    - Letters, phone calls, email to Accepted Students
    - Support of 4/24 Accepted Student Reception
  - Short-term Activity
    - 15 Presidential Scholar awards to top Transfer students

- Ranger School faculty and staff visits to transfer institutions
- Newspaper ads for Survey program/engagement of Survey alums

- Graduate Recruitment/Admissions

	2006	2005
Applications	311	269+
Accepted	90	109
Accepted/coming	40	19
No decision	51	48
Incomplete	32	28

- Metrics as of 4/18/06
    - Graduate Recruitment/Admissions
      - Actions to be taken
        - \$1,000 signing bonus for Ph.D. GA's
        - Faculties need to complete process on No Decision applicants
        - Graduate Office calling incomplete applicants
        - Faculties need to call/write/e-mail Accepted Students – “We want you”
        - We have a narrow window to make a difference
  - Programs/faculties to be commended
    - Chemistry
    - Forestry
    - EFB
    - LA
    - GPES
- May 19<sup>th</sup> National Public Radio Science Friday will be broadcast from the ESF campus
5. Undergraduate Student Association report
  - a. Steve Fox is the new President and will be making reports during the 2007-2008 academic year
6. Reports of the Standing Committees
  - a. Committee on Instruction Larry Smart
    - i. Course & Curriculum Proposals (see Attachment #1)
    - ii. Block voting for proposals by faculty
      - 1. FNRM proposals
        - a. Question concerning loss of content
          - i. Response from Craig Davis that the content of FOR 307 will not be lost it is being integrated into other courses
        - b. Motion on the floor to accept the proposals
        - c. Motion carries without opposition
      - 2. EFB and ERE proposals
        - a. Motion carries without opposition

3. Chemistry proposal for new candidacy exam format available only to doctoral students in the Faculty of Chemistry
  - a. Discussion that the modified format will not be broad enough to prepare a well rounded Doctor of Philosophy; it is a test of specific knowledge and not the general field
  - b. Discussion that the modification will lose the “educational component” of the candidacy exam
  - c. Argument for the modification is that there is a qualifying in chemistry that addresses the broad arena of chemistry
  - d. Argument for the modification is that this is only one option three and that the breadth issue can be addressed through other mechanisms
  - e. Argument for the modification is that other faculty and universities already use the model
  - f. Argument for modification, to generate a research hypothesis the student must be capable of demonstrating a depth of understanding and extend previous research in a new direction
  - g. Discussion that there may be fundamental differences in how research areas address candidacy exams
  - h. Motion on the floor
    - i. Motion to accept new candidacy format carries with two no votes
- iii. Bylaws Revision Proposal (see Attachment #2)
  1. This is a motion brought by Larry Smart as an individual based on his COI chairman experience
  2. Changes cannot be voted on at this meeting the changes will be circulated and reviewed by Faculty.
  3. A vote will be held at a subsequent meeting
    - a. Bill shields and Scott Turner caution that it might be premature to make this modification at this time. Discussion may be more appropriate after the Campus Governance changes are made by the Governance Task Force
    - b. Discussion: this may create more committees and subsequently impair participation.
    - c. Discussion: the objective of the change is to take time consuming voting out of the faculty meetings and allow more time for other topics when the meetings change from faculty meetings to campus governance meetings

- d. Discussion: discussion on course changes is typically not controversial; changing responsibilities for approving courses should not be a problem.
      - e. Comments will be integrated into the document, it will be redistributed for review by the faculty, and a paper ballot vote will be held this semester.
    - b. Committee on Public Service & Outreach Art. Stipanovic
      - i. No report
    - c. Committee on Research Bill Powell
      - i. Committee has performed well this year accomplishing many tasks
  - 7. Report from the SU Senate Susan. Senecah & Ruth Yanai
    - a. No report
  - 8. Report from SUNY Senate John View
    - a. Proposed resolution to formally recognize SUNY @ Alfred University College of Ceramics (See Attachment Two)
      - i. The College of Ceramics is a unit on a private campus. They are looking for acknowledgement from other SUNY campus
    - b. Motion to accept the resolution to acknowledge the SUNY College of Ceramics as a SUNY unit on a private campus
  - 9. Discussion Item: "Academic Integrity and ESF's Code of Conduct" with an introduction by Julie White.
  - 10. New Business
    - a. Sue Senecah
      - i. Honorary degree will be given to Liz Putnam this year
      - ii. The ceremony will be in Nifkin Lounge on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006
      - iii. Committee requests candidates for honorary degrees for next year
  - 11. Old Business
    - a. None
  - 12. Adjourn 4:48pm

Attachment One: Proposed Faculty By-laws Revisions

## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** April 24, 2006

**TO:** ESF Faculty

**FROM:** Larry Smart, Associate Professor and Chair, Faculty Committee on Instruction

**RE:** Proposed Faculty By-laws Revisions

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Attached are revisions to the SUNY-ESF Faculty By-laws that I am proposing in accordance with the guidelines for by-laws revision (Sect. V). I described these revisions in the April 20, 2006 ESF Faculty Meeting. If they are approved by majority vote of the Faculty through paper ballot, they will take effect immediately.

After having served on the Committee on Instruction for two years, the last year as Chair, it has become apparent to me that the important work of the committee could be done more efficiently and effectively if the Committee on Instruction was given the authority to represent the ESF Faculty and formally approve most course, curriculum, and policy proposals after thorough review. If granted this new authority, it would become important to ensure fair and equitable representation of each department in the review process. Thus, I propose changes to the by-laws to ensure each academic department is represented on the Committee on Instruction by at least one of their faculty. Additional faculty, including those from the library, would be welcome on the Committee on Instruction and meetings are always open to any faculty, as stated in the by-laws. When appropriate, proposals worthy of and requiring full faculty discussion will be brought to ESF Faculty meetings for discussion and a vote. For the vast majority of proposals, review and comment on course and curriculum proposals can be completed by the committee, thus saving time in ESF Faculty meetings for more substantive discussions.

I recognize that there are efforts underway to revise and expand the system of governance on campus. Approval of my proposal in no way interferes with those efforts. It represents an incremental step toward improving the function of governance on our campus.

## Attachment Two: Resolution on the NYS College of Ceramics

### Resolution on the NYS College of Ceramics

Whereas the Faculty Governance of ESF is concerned by the treatment of our colleagues at the NYS College of Ceramics (NYSCC) at Alfred University.

Whereas the University Faculty Senate supports the actions of system administration and the SUNY Board of Trustees in their efforts to restore the College's SUNY identity and the integrity of the College's governance as originally intended by the laws establishing the statutory colleges.

Therefore:

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Governance of ESF endorses the NYSCC faculty's principles of:

1. Support for the NYSCC statutory mission
2. Support for a stand-alone NYSCC unit head in the college that is a joint appointment by SUNY and AU
3. Support for statutory faculty's participation in the search for a NYSCC unit head
4. Support of meaningful shared governance including participation in policy development, strategic planning, budget process, etc.
5. Support for SUNY representation on the Alfred University Board of Trustees,

And

Be it resolved, that the Senate will notify its colleagues at NYSCC and throughout the SUNY system of this statement.