



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

College Wide Governance Meeting

March 30, 2016
Wednesday
12:45PM – 2:00 PM
Gateway Building A&B

AGENDA

- 1. Opening Remarks/Minutes/Announcements (Donaghy)**
 - a. IQAS: USA Resolution on Audience Response Systems
 - b. New Committee Announcements
 - i. Provost Search Committee
 - ii. College Diversity Committee (3 year terms)
 - iii. College Capitol Planning Committee (3 year terms)
 - iv. Engagement Task Force

- 2. Friends of Moon Library (Verostek/Elkins)**

- 3. Committee on Curriculum Actions (Rueter)**
 - a. MPS in Chemistry (revision)
 - b. BS in Sustainable Energy Management (revision)
 - c. Renewable Energy Minor (revision)

Note: Curriculum Actions are voted upon by Faculty only

- 4. Research Committee Report (Bryant)**

- 5. Strategic Planning Committee Update (Nowak)**

- 6. Title IX Presentation (Barber, LeRoy, Lombard, Rufo)**

Old Business

New Business

**Next College-Wide Meeting:
April 20, 2016 at 12:45 PM in Gateway A&B**



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Undergraduate Student Association

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Resolution: 08.2016

A Resolution Recommending that Academic Governance Develop a Campus-wide Policy Regarding the Use of Clickers in ESF Courses

Whereas a clicker is defined as an interactive technology in the form of an audience response system “that enables instructors to pose questions to students and immediately collect and view the responses of the entire class,”¹ which works by having “students click in their answers using remote transmitters,”² and is a technology being more commonly used in modern classrooms to provide formative feedback; and

Whereas a number of ESF courses and SU courses that ESF students are required to take currently require students to purchase a clicker in order for students to obtain credit for in-class activities; and

Whereas there is no campus-wide policy which mandates ESF faculty members who utilize clickers in their courses to all use the same brand and model of clicker, while Syracuse University has implemented a campus-wide agreement in this regard; and

Whereas students who take ESF and/or SU courses that require the use of a clicker are faced with having to purchase multiple clickers, since each course requires a different brand and model of clicker to be used; and

Whereas clicker technologies are expensive (\$20 to \$32 for basic models, plus possible license fees, according to ESF faculty members who utilize clickers in their courses) for students on a college budget, particularly those who come from lower-income families; and

Whereas the purchase of a clicker that loses its functionality after a course is complete is not a long-term investment in education for students unlike purchasing a textbook for future reference; and

Whereas the ESF faculty members who currently utilize clicker technologies in their courses support having a uniform clicker policy across the SUNY-ESF and SU campus; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Undergraduate Student Association (USA) urges Academic Governance to develop and adopt a uniform clicker policy compatible with the uniform system at SU to be in effect by the start of the 2016-2017 Academic school year; and

Be it further resolved that the USA recommends that the policy shall state that any change in the preferred clicker brand and model at Syracuse University will result in ESF also adopting the same clicker brand and model for ESF courses; and

Be it further resolved that the USA recommends that the policy shall state that it shall not be allowed for ESF faculty members who utilize clickers in their courses to force students to purchase a more expensive model of a clicker brand if a cheaper model is capable of performing the same in-class activity; and

Be it further resolved that the USA recommends Academic Governance consider ways to be included in the policy that compensate students for the price of clickers, such as having the ESF College Bookstore sell clickers and implement a clicker buyback program; and

Be it finally resolved that the USA recommends Academic Governance consider ways to work with Syracuse University's Information Technology Service to include faculty and student representatives of SUNY-ESF in conversations regarding future modification of the SU clicker agreement.

“What are clickers and how can we effectively use them?” Eberly Teaching Center for Excellence. Carnegie Mellon University. Retrieved from <https://www.cmu.edu/teaching/clickers/pdfs/clickers-pedagogicalvalue.pdf>

This bill is true and accurate copy, passed by the Association on this date, 2016.

Undergraduate Student Association President