

Resolution for a Vote of No Confidence in President Wheeler
10/3/2016

WHEREAS the President has lost the confidence and trust of a majority of faculty and professional staff at SUNY ESF as evidenced by the recently released Campus Climate Survey; and

WHEREAS the President has failed to effectively engage with the campus and external communities, especially alumni and collaborative partners; and,

WHEREAS the President has failed to lead a Strategic Planning process to a successful outcome; and,

WHEREAS the President has been unsuccessful in securing any major philanthropic gifts during his nearly three year tenure; and,

WHEREAS the President has created a campus atmosphere characterized by a lack of trust and confidence in himself, the Interim Provost and the Chief of Staff; and,

WHEREAS the President has failed to work with Academic Governance on a timely basis; and,

WHEREAS the President failed to listen to the counsel of a majority of Department Chairs and the Executive Chair of Academic Governance in appointing an Interim Provost over said counsel; and,

WHEREAS the President is only securing partial funds for major initiatives on campus without a timely plan to garner sufficient funds to complete projects; and,

WHEREAS the President has failed to authorize the filling of numerous vacant faculty positions while adding administrative positions; and,

WHEREAS the President is attempting to take the college in a direction that is not supported by the faculty and does not fit into the College's charter; and,

WHEREAS the President has fostered a climate of fear, retaliation and division at the College over the past two years and has not demonstrated the leadership needed to reunite the College;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Membership of Academic Governance at SUNY ESF expresses no confidence in President Quentin Wheeler; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Executive Chair of Academic Governance and the SUNY Senator for SUNY ESF carry forward this expression of no confidence to the ESF Board of Trustees, and the SUNY Chancellor.

Links to references

Campus Climate Survey: <http://www.esf.edu/soce/>

Strengthening Our Community Sears Report:

<http://www.esf.edu/facgov/2015-2016/12-10-15ESF...StrengtheningReportSAs.pdf>

Timeline of Events Leading to a Vote of No Confidence:

[\(http://www.esf.edu/facgov/documents/Timeline.pdf\)](http://www.esf.edu/facgov/documents/Timeline.pdf)

ESF Charter, 1972: <http://www.esf.edu/facgov/special/ESF-Charter-1972.pdf>