



STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

Academic Governance Meeting Minutes 9/19/2017

In attendance

Faculty: Neal Abrams, Tom Amidon, Sue Anagnost, Gregory Boyer, Russell Briggs, Bijana Bujanovic, Siddharth Chatterjee, Mary Cohen, Janine DeBaise, Theodore Dibble, Klaus Doelle, Kelley Donaghy, Mark Driscoll, Joanne Ellis, Nosa Egibor, Ted Endreny, Ivan Gitsov, John Hassett, Doug Johnston, Shijie Liu, Gregory McGee, Bob Meyer, David Newman, Lee Newman, Andrea Parker, Roxanne Razavi, Neil Ringler, Gary Scott, Theresa Selfa, Scott Shannon, Bill Smith, David Sonnenfeld, Lemir Teron, Mary Thompson, Elizabeth Vidon, Tim Volk, Ruth Yanai

AG Staff: Ray Appleby, Christopher Baycurya, Brian Boothroyd, Debbie Caviness, Anthony Chefelo, Casey Duffy, Claire Dunn, Heather Engelman, Terry Ettinger, Rebecca Hilts, David Kiemle, Aaron Knight, Christopher Maroney, Karen Moore, Joe Pagcaliwagan, Katherina Searing, Mark Storrings

Student Reps: **GSA** - Ryan Scheel, Madhuri Dinkz, Chellby Kilheffa, Jenny Frank, Greg Kronisch, Rez Manderino, Taylor Patterson, Daniel Tinklepugh,
USA - Ben Taylor, Gabrielle Donnelly, Richard Monaco, Ryan Hicks
Guests and MC – Malika Carter, Joe Rufo, Chuck Spuches, Kate Harris, Mark Hill, Mitt Smith, Jill Weiss, Anne Lombard, Mark Lichtenstein, Maureen Fellows, Rick Beal, Kelly Watson-Collins, Sean Holm, George Westby, Sarah Houck, John Turbeville

The meeting was called to order at 11:03

Minutes of the last meeting were posted this morning and approval will be sought at the next meeting.

Housekeeping – Microphones will be brought around to speakers, please wait until they arrive to speak.

New Employees were introduced: Nancy Walker, Roxanne Razavi, Dan Drake, Mohamad Elzamor, Anne Godfrey, Sean Holm, Kelley Collins, George Westby, Kate Harris, Lea Giffin, Christopher Cangello, Rex Giardine, Mike Miller, Matthew Smith, Nosa Egibor, Malika Carter

Elections (Amidon)

With Ken Tiss's retirement the electorate is being asked to indicate their preference for a path forward. The suggestion from Amidon, sent in several emails to campus news, is for the electorate to consider the choice between having Klaus Doelle as Chair for the remainder of this Academic year or conducting a new election in short order this fall. There will be a full AG election in the spring as specified in our by-laws. There was discussion and a motion was made seconded and amended, to clarify duration, to have Klaus serve out the rest of this Academic year as AG executive Chair. The motion was carried by a vote of 39 to 3 with 5 abstaining.

President's Comments (Nosa on behalf of President Wheeler)

- We know we are excellent but we do have challenges:
 1. Financial – In order to invest as we wish to in people, facilities, and programs – We need to
 2. stabilize our financials by increasing our revenue base, investing in our facilities, and grow the institution. This includes operational changes, building a better budgeting process, approaching



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- zero based budgeting, receive more out of state and international student revenue, achieving partnerships with local nearby colleges to lower costs and increase visibility.
3. The PBE effort with BUCT and Huibei Universities were mentioned as examples on efforts to bring in more international student revenue and Dr. Nomura's efforts to increase revenue from indirect cost recovery was another example of current efforts.
 4. The new and recent searches were discussed, showing action on many of the issues discussed.
- Research committee – Newman – McSten grants being reworked with announcement likely in the next two weeks. A survey is being conducted by the committee as to the college's needs to be more productive in its research (facility and lab oriented).
 - Awards Committee – Searing - Seeking nominations for SUNY Excellence awards. Please get the nominations to Katherina by October 12.
 - Open Positions in Faculty Governance – Doelle – Parliamentarian and secretary are open as are many committee positions.
 - Diversity and Equity – Carter and Blair – Explained the history and connected it to the future. The committee will regularly update the plan approved last November and will also be working on a diversity inventory to help identify progress and needs and to create a basis for dialogue leading to action plans and future gains.
 - Sustainability – Lichtenstein –
 1. There will be an event at ESF on October 10th with the new SUNY Chancellor and quite a lineup of other speakers. A website is being built and participation is encouraged.
 2. Mark Lichtenstein also commented on the elevator out of service in Marshall hall and indicated a high degree of urgency in repairing it and reducing the frequency of outages. Mark conveyed a sense from the College BOT that they intend a higher level of activity to help the college achieve its challenging goals.
 3. The college is working with contacts on the Caribbean in an effort to help with Hurricane recovery.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:18

Draft Submitted by Tom Amidon, Acting Secretary Academic Governance