



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Academic Governance

Resolution No: _____

Introduced by the Executive Committee of Academic Governance

Resolution Requesting that Department Procedures for Selecting a New Chair be Respected

Whereas on January 10th, 2018, three department chairs, Dr. Donald Leopold, Dr. David Newman and Dr. Gary Scott were removed from their department leadership positions; and

Whereas at least one of the departments has been informed that they will not be allowed to follow departmental standing procedures for selecting an interim Chair or new full-time Chair but rather were informed that a national search would be undertaken; and

Whereas the Academic Governance Bylaws 2015 states that “appointment and re-appointment of Department Chairs will be handled at the Department level according to the procedures adopted by the Department and in consultation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs”;

Therefore be it resolved that the Membership of Academic Governance requests that the departmentally approved procedures for the current and future selection of new Chairs be respected, and only at the wish of the department should a national search be undertaken.

Resolution was passed 20 February 2018

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Colin Beier".

Colin Beier, Secretary, SUNY ESF Academic Governance