



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 ESF Administration and the ESF Board of Trustees advocate to the SUNY Chancellor and SUNY Board of Trustees to allow ESF to collect an Excellence Fee

Whereas ESF is one of fourteen (14) Ph.D. Granting institutions within the SUNY systemⁱ; and

Whereas the University Centers have been granted the privilege of charging an Academic Excellence and Success Feeⁱⁱ as part of their broad based fees; and

Whereas these fees have been used at the University Centers to increase the number of full time faculty, improve grants administration pipelines both pre and post awards, and are intended to maintain “quality academic and student success programs”; and

Whereas ESF is currently considering raising enrollment to increase revenue on campus; and

Whereas concerns have been raised about the impact of raising enrollment on curricular and co-curricular programs, student success and academic excellence; and

Whereas being able to collect an Excellence Fee requires action by the SUNY Chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees;

Therefore be it resolved that Academic Governance urgently requests that the ESF Administration and the ESF Board of Trustees become advocates within the Chancellor’s office and with the SUNY Board of Trustees for permission to collect an Excellence Fee at ESF in the fall of 2019.

Background

ⁱ Ph.D. Granting Institutions (<http://www.suny.edu/programsearch/academicProgramsViewSetup.do>)
University Centers (4) : Albany, Buffalo, Binghamton, Stony Brook
State Colleges at Cornell University (4) : Agriculture and Life Sciences, Human Ecology, Industrial and Labor Relations, Veterinary Medicine
Health Science Centers (3): Upstate, Downstate, Optometry
Other (3): Alfred School of Ceramics, Environmental Science and Forestry, Polytechnic

ⁱⁱ SUNY financial fees document #7804 (http://www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=398)

Academic Excellence and Success Fee

1. The Board of Trustees authorizes the implementation of an Academic Excellence and Success Fee at the University Centers to provide financial resources necessary for maintaining quality academic and student success programs and to support NYSUNY2020.
2. Revenue may be used to enhance student academic support services, advisement, research opportunities, equipment, facilities, and scholarships. In addition, funds may be used for personnel service needs such as tutoring, laboratory technicians, faculty and other academic and student support activities.
3. The Academic Excellence and Success Fee will be assessed to all undergraduate, graduate and first professional degree students at the specific campus. The fee shall be pro-rated for part-time students.
4. The Academic Excellence and Success Fee must be approved by the Chancellor's designee. Guidelines for fee implementation and the approval process will be included within the annual broad-based fee request which is generally due by April 1st of each year.