



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

TO: Quentin Wheeler, ESF President
CC: ESF Executive Cabinet, ESF Leadership Council, ESF Academic Council
Matthew Marko, Chair ESF Board of Trustees
Klaus Doelle
Gwen Kay, University Faculty Senate Chair
FROM: Executive Committee of Academic Governance
RE: Official Notification of Removal of Executive Chair K. Doelle
DATE: April 12, 2018

Please accept this memo as official notification of the removal from office of Executive Chair K. Doelle.

On February 27, 2018, during a closed session of Academic Governance, for which there was a quorum of members in attendance, a vote was carried out for the removal of an officer from the AG Executive Committee. The sole purpose of the February 27 meeting was to consider the officer removal action, which was conducted in closed session with a neutral faculty member serving as *chair pro tempore*.

The results of the vote held on February 27 were as follows: 89% of votes cast requested removal (91 for, 11 against) of Dr. Doelle from his office as Executive Chair, and 80% of votes cast requested that Dr. Doelle not be allowed to retain the title of Past Executive Chair (80 for, 21 against) for the purposes of officer succession.

Following a parliamentary inquiry on the matter that was brought to the AG body at the College-wide meeting on March 20, 2018, in which the two conflicting interpretations were presented and debated for over 30 minutes, the body confirmed by a vote, that the intent of the standing rule was that 2/3 of the votes cast at the meeting, not of the entire eligible voting membership, was needed to remove an officer. The body voted 44-6 to accept the interpretation of the Standing Rules noted above, effectively ratifying that the initial vote on February 27 was sufficient to remove the officer.

Therefore, the body of Academic Governance has officially removed Dr. Doelle as Executive Chair. Dr. Doelle should not be considered Executive Chair currently or as a past Executive Chair.

Elections for Executive Chair and other AG officers are to take place this May, therefore, the Executive Committee has chosen not to name an interim Executive Chair. Instead, the

Executive Committee has agreed to work as a team to divide the duties up, according to membership availability, as follows:

Leadership Council

K. Donaghy on Wednesday at 8AM

No AGECE members are regularly available for Thursday at 8AM

Academic Council

N. Abrams

Organizing and Staffing committees

Matthew Smith

Lee Newman

Running College-wide and Executive Committee meetings

Kelley Donaghy

Colin Beier

Student Group Liaisons

Janine Debaise

Colin Beier

Resolutions/Bylaws Revisions/Standing Rules Revisions/Communications

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Should you need to reach the Academic Governance Executive Committee please send email to acadgov@esf.edu. This email is available to all members of the AGECE and is monitored daily to facilitate communication to the group. We anticipate that our campus will have a new Executive Chair elected and installed prior to the May College-wide Meeting.