



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Academic Governance

Resolution No _____

Introduced by the Executive Committee of Academic Governance

Resolution on the Design and Construction of the Physics Laboratories at ESF

Whereas the ESF Administration announced in their Executive Update email communication dated 2/15/2018 that physics will be coming to campus this fall with a schematic for a laboratory; and

Whereas some faculty have raised concerns about the design that was released in the Executive Update, specifically concerning safety; and

Whereas no organized ESF faculty group has been established for consultation with regard to the design and development of the laboratories that are to be built this summer and in use by the fall of 2018; and

Whereas the faculty search positions have only just been advertised this February; and

Whereas the faculty hired for this position should have input into design of the teaching space and the curriculum to be used to deliver these laboratories; and

Whereas being able to influence the design of the laboratory and the equipment needed could be very attractive to top candidates for the teaching position and significantly increase our ability to recruit these candidates;

Therefore be it resolved that Academic Governance recommends that the design and construction of the physics laboratory be delayed until the new faculty responsible for teaching these course have been hired and can be engaged with the process; and

Further be it resolved that Academic Governance recommends that a faculty group consisting of faculty with general laboratory design experience be created that is charged with interviewing, retaining and working with outside consultants to assist the new faculty hires in the design, construction and curriculum development of the new "physics program"; and

Finally be it resolved that Academic Governance recommends that ESF students in programs requiring engineering physics be allowed to continue to take the physics laboratory courses at SU until the laboratory is fully conceived.