Welcome to ESF

The 21st century will be defined by environmental challenges of unprecedented number and complexity—and how society responds to them. ESF is at the forefront of confronting these challenges: educating tomorrow’s leaders, opening new possibilities, and inspiring the public to engage in creating a better future.

For more than a century, ESF has been unique among institutions of higher learning in its singular focus on environmental discovery, learning, and sustainability. We offer the excellence of a small campus education in an atmosphere of big ideas. Located in a transcendent triangle, ESF simultaneously offers life in a top-20 small college city, thousands of acres of living laboratory in the Adirondacks, and easy access to New York City. For those who love the natural world, it doesn’t get any better than this.
President

Executive Communications

Documents
(most recent first)

- President’s Statement to Academic Governance, November 15, 2016 (PDF)
- Letter of Support, Kevin Stack - BaDT, LEED FacultyTM, Principal, BS in Biology (1979), MS in Sustainable Construction Management (2014) and Josh Stack, Northeast Green Building Consulting, LLC 5110 Velasko Road, Suite 2000 Syracuse, New York 13215 (PDF)
- Responses to the 10/3/16 “Resolution for a Vote of No Confidence in President Wheeler” October 31, 2016
  - Cover Letter
- Results of Third Party Investigation Conducted on behalf of the SUNY-ESF Board of Trustees, October 12, 2016 (Released 10/26/2016, PDF)
  - Cover Letter to Campus from SUNY-ESF Board of Trustees, October 26, 2016 (PDF)

Executive Updates

Executive Update blog (2016 forward)
- 2015
  - December 17 (PDF)
  - December 11 (PDF)
  - November 16 (PDF)
  - October 27 (PDF)
  - September 10 (PDF)
  - August 11 (PDF)
  - July 21 (PDF)
  - June 30 (PDF)

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Executive Update (Week of May 2)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an exciting and productive academic year with fantastic research accomplishments, rising ESF visibility in the media, an expanding national and international reach for the College, and a continuation of the closing of our structural financial deficit. I want to highlight a few of many recent accomplishments of the College:

- Our contributions to The Conversation have already been read by more than 50,000 people, with one story picked up by Newsweek.
- ESF was highly conspicuous among the 40 universities in Washington at the Planet Forward Summit during Earth Week in April.
- Continuing talks and projects with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on fire, climate and sustainability.
Executive Update (Week of May 2)

LATEST NEWS

- ESF Financial Planning: Closing the Gap and Building to the Future
  May 6, 2016
- Update on Activities of Newwide Committees and Task Groups
  May 6, 2016
- Executive Update (Week of May 2)
  May 6, 2016
- Status Report: SU Student Services and IT
  December 17, 2015

Gap of 4 months
Leadership Council

The President's Leadership Council exists to engage diverse perspectives in discussions of issues of importance to the College and to improve communication across campus. Anyone serving on the council may be approached with questions regarding issues discussed or for discussion.

The Leadership Council convenes representatives of the administration, faculty, academic governance, staff and students on a weekly basis during the academic year.

The members are: Scott Blair, Klaus Doelle, Nosa Egiebor, Melissa Fierke, Matt Marko, Richard Monaco, David Newman, Alexandre Poisson, Mark Poupore, Ryan Scheel, Leslie Talbot, Ben Taylor and Quentin Wheeler.

2016-17 Meetings

- April 5
  - Agenda (PDF)
  - Notes (PDF)
- March 29
  - Agenda (PDF)
  - Notes (PDF)
Communications on Enrollment Boost

Idea at least 3 months old

- Formally presented last week
- No documentation provided
- Keep student/faculty ratio but erase deficit ??