



STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY  
**Academic Governance Meeting**

# AG Meeting Minutes

29 January 2019 11:00-12:20pm

Gateway Center A and B

## Agenda

1. Welcome / Call to Order (Beier)
2. Approval of 11 December meeting minutes (Beier)
3. News & Updates (Beier)
4. President's Remarks (Amberg)
5. VPA's Budget Report (Rufo)
6. Committee Reports & Actions
7. Old / New Business

## Attendees

### Voting Academic Governance Members:

Faculty: Abrams, Neal; Anagnost, Susan; Beier, Colin; Bevilacqua, Eddie; Boyer, Gregory; Chatterjee, Avik; Cohen, Jonathan; Daley, Douglas; DeBaise, Janine; Dibble, Theodore; Drake, John; Driscoll, Mark; Ellis, Jo Anne; Fierke, Melissa; Frair, Jacqueline; Johnston, Douglas; Leem, Gyu; Leibowitz, Rachel; McGrath, Thomas; Meyer, Robert; Moran, Sharon; Newman, Lee; Newman, David; Nowak, Christopher; Owens, Ruth; Salehi, Bahram; Scott, Gary; Smith, Matthew; Smith, William; Sonnenfeld, David; Stavenhagen, Werner; Teece, Mark; Teron, Lemir; Turner, J. Scott; Verostek, Jane; Wagner, John; Yanai, Ruth; Yoo, Chang Geun

Professional Staff Representatives: Appleby, Raymond; Baycura, Christopher; Boothroyd, Brian; Chefalo, Anthony; Crandall, Laura; Desimone, Danette; Duffy, Casey; Dunn, Claire; Engelman, Heather; Ettinger, Terry; Gublo-Jantzen, Sophie; Knight, Aaron; McHale, Patrick; Moore, Karen; Rounds, Aaron; Sanford, Susan; Searing, Katherina; Storrings, Mark; Tochelli, Erin; Triano, Mary

Student Representatives: Caltabiano, Sarah; Huber, Peter; Leman, Grace; Miller, Katherine; Quinn, James; Rowe, Carson; Scheel, Ryan

### Non-voting/Ex Officio:

Administration (M/C): Amberg, David; Greenfield, Brenda; Lombard, Anne; Mahoney, Joanie; Ringler, Neil; Rufo, Joseph; Shannon, Scott

Visitors: Gouger, Ashley; Houck, Sarah; Murphy, Brandon; Newman, Barbara; Kim, Jaehua



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## Minutes

Item	Time	Notes
Call to Order/Welcome (Beier)	11:06	Call to order. Colin Beier welcomed everyone and explained that he is continuing to serve as Acting Academic Governance Executive Chair. He asked if anyone objected. Colin recognized that we are meeting on the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee people.
Approval of previous minutes	11:08	Minutes approved by consent.
News & Updates (Beier)	11:08	
1. <i>Recognize Students</i>		Colin recognized the group of ESF Students that traveled to Puerto Rico to participate in continuing relief efforts
2. <i>First Online Degree</i>		Colin recognized that ESF's first online degree is now offered
3. <i>SUNY Faculty Senate Report</i>		Colin attended the SUNY Faculty Senate meeting last week. Positives- there appears to be more faculty engagement Concerns-many Interim administrators, significant turnover in administrators; SUNY budget Resolutions were presented/discussed; Colin will provide an update at a later time
President's Remarks (Amberg)	11:12	
1. <i>Interim Provost Search</i>		The search committee received nine applications and narrowed the pool to five candidates. They scored the candidates using the following criteria: Interpersonal Skills, Leadership Experience and Style, Fiscal Management Experience, and Human Resources Management Experience. In addition to the committee interviews, each candidate will record a video for the campus and campus-wide feedback will be collected.
2. <i>Governor's Budget</i>		The Green New Deal-Governor Cuomo mentioned ESF in this announcement. President Amberg recognized that he along with Joanie Mahoney, Maureen Fellows, and Chris Nomura worked hard to advocate for ESF in the Governor's budget. This creates a golden opportunity to seek mission adjustment dollars from the REDC/URI. (Regional Economic Development Council)
3. <i>Bark Eater Cup</i>		The ESF Mighty Oaks basketball team will play Paul Smith's in the Carrier Dome on Feb. 16
4. <i>First Year Experience Task Force</i>		The task force membership has been decided. Neal Abrams and Amelia Hoffmann are Co-Chairs. Academic Governance will post



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		the President’s charge to the task force (Colin will post)
5. <i>Faculty First Survey and Initiative</i>		<p>President Amberg has been meeting with faculty about lessening administrative burden; they say they are spending too much time on paperwork. A survey will go out to illuminate the processes and procedures that are most difficult and time consuming. After survey results are completed the President intends to focus a team on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determining how administration can assume more responsibility for paperwork and/or:</li> <li>• Reduce the layers of complexity in our approval processes while still meeting compliance obligations.</li> <li>• Develop clear guidance and points of contact to navigate processes, particularly for new faculty.</li> <li>• In concert with the People Advisory Group look for administrative structures that could be more supportive of faculty.</li> </ul> <p>From slide deck: <a href="https://www.esf.edu/acadgov/2018-2019/2019.01.29.slide-deck.pdf">https://www.esf.edu/acadgov/2018-2019/2019.01.29.slide-deck.pdf</a></p>
6. <i>In the Incubator, 40,000 ft view</i>		<p>List from Slides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Program revamp.</li> <li>• Centralization and improvement of our internship program.</li> <li>• Smoke and tobacco free campus, staged process to begin fall semester.</li> <li>• Onondaga Community College “Deep Affiliation”.</li> <li>• Nosa Egiebor taking on responsibilities for the development of international educational programs as Special Assistant to the President.</li> </ul>
Budget Report (Rufo)	11:25	
<i>State Operating Budget 2018-19</i>		<p>CFO and VP Rufo presented 20-year trends in ESF State Operating Budget (see slide deck) <a href="https://www.esf.edu/acadgov/2018-2019/2019.01.29.slide-deck.pdf">https://www.esf.edu/acadgov/2018-2019/2019.01.29.slide-deck.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue- the third line is an accounting change by SUNY</li> <li>• Out of state undergrads-one reason for significant increase</li> <li>• Expenditures</li> <li>• Mission adjustment is critical- if we can get this it will help significantly</li> <li>• 20 year trend-Students paying higher percentage of costs</li> <li>• In general there is a revenue problem and not a cost problem; non-traditional revenue is important</li> </ul> <p>Questions- Ryan requested information on inflation adjusted GA stipends- Joe will follow up and send him the information.</p>



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		Student asked about IFR accounts and sources of this revenue. Joe said he would work with Dave D. to put this information together.
Committee Reports	11:51	
1. <i>Curriculum (Teece)</i>		Mark Teece thanked the Committee on Curriculum, including students, for their efforts. Proposals for approval: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two curriculum changes in Biotechnology. A motion to approve was seconded and passed by voice vote</li> <li>2. Course proposal MCR 590. A motion to approve was seconded and passed by voice vote</li> </ol> Committee representatives will take back to their department the issue of 500 level courses. Stay tuned.
2. <i>IAQS (Ettinger for Farrell)</i>		Terry Ettinger for Shannon Farrell: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mentoring colloquium (Hardy Shirley Mentoring Colloquium) was canceled due to lack of access to the IASystem course evaluation software</li> <li>2. Update – the IASystem software agreement is now in place.</li> <li>3. There will be a two hour workshop over spring break</li> <li>4. The committee is developing an entire year of workshops anchored by Mentoring Colloquium in January</li> <li>5. Will go to departments</li> </ol> Terry mentioned that data supports teacher training; that it improves student retention over time; ask that we think of teacher training as an investment not an expense.
3. <i>Research (Newman)</i>		Lee Newman: The committee is reviewing McIntire-Stennis proposals and will send their recommendations to VP Research next week
4. <i>Student Life (Abrams)</i>		Neal Abrams: Student Life Committee is working on the Chancellors Award for Student Excellence and will have a decision soon.
5. <i>Awards (Searing)</i>		Katerina Searing: Honorary degrees have been approved by SUNY and will be announced soon. Packets have been put together of other awards to be sent out.
Old / New Business		None
Adjourn	12:00	Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by Susan Anagnost