ESF
Academic Governance Meeting

1 December 2020
ESF Academic Governance Agenda

1. Welcome / Call to Order/Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Past Minutes
3. Executive Chair Report (5 min)
   - FACT² Awards
   - VPR Search Committee, AG-appointed Members
4. President’s Report – D.Newman (10min)
5. Committee Reports
   a. Executive Committee – G.Scott (5min) (see attached)
   b. Research - J.Stella (none)
   c. Curriculum – E.Beivilacqua (none)
   d. Student Life – E.Tochelli (none)
   e. P&T – P.Vidon (none)
   f. IQAS – S.Farrell (5min)
   g. Awards – J.DeBaise/K.Searing (none)
   h. Library – M.Smith (10min)
   i. Technology – A.Rounds (5min)
   j. University Faculty Senate - R.Yanai/R.Appleby (none)
   k. SU Senate – K.Limburg/M.Bryant (none)
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. General Good and Welfare
   a. Middle States Update – J.Turbeville (10min)
   b. Teaching and Learning Center – A.Gouger (10min)
9. Adjourn
Executive Chair Report

Gary M Scott
Welcome to Joanie Mahoney
Fifth President of ESF

- Started 5 November

- Academic Governance is looking forward to working with you

- The beginning of the end of ESF’s ‘interimitis’
## End of Semester Congratulations

### ESF COVID-19 Response (as of 11.25)

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*Past 14-days

### Conclusion:

It is safer to be on a SUNY campus and part of a SUNY community than to be in the population as a whole.

https://www.suny.edu/covid19-tracker/
https://www.esf.edu/restart/
https://www.syracuse.edu/covid-dashboard/
https://forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-region-dashboard/
https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/usa/new-york/
FACT² Excellence Awards (Reminder)
Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology

- Underscores SUNY’s commitment to the use of technology to support access to excellent education
  - FACT² Excellence in Instruction: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses
  - FACT² Excellence in Instructional Support: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses
  - FACT² Excellence in Administrative Leadership: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses

- For more information
  - https://online.suny.edu/fact2/awards/

- Due 6 December 2020
Vice President for Research Search Committee
Call for Nominations

- **Needed**
  - 3 faculty members
  - 1 staff member

- **Voted ended yesterday**

- **AG Executive Committee is meeting to make recommendations this week**

Nominations to fill the seats allocated for faculty, staff, and students will be solicited through an open call to the College Community. Elections will be held to inform the Executive Committee of Academic Governance. The Executive Committee of Academic Governance is then charged with ensuring balance and diversity on the committee while respecting the preferences of the membership reflected in the votes. The recommended membership of the committee will be presented to the Executive Committee of Academic Governance and the College Administration for approval. The final membership of the committee will be reported at a College-wide Academic Governance Meeting.

-Per the Standing Rules of ESF Academic Governance.
Spring 2021 Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

Academic Governance

■ Tuesdays at 11:00a
  - 26 January (virtual)
  - 23 February (virtual)
  - 23 March (depending on herd immunity)
  - 20 April (depending on herd immunity)

■ Thursday at 2:30p
  - 6 May (depending on herd immunity)
  - Awards, etc.

Executive Committee

■ Tuesdays at 11:00a
  - 12 January (virtual)
  - 9 February (virtual)
  - 9 March (depending on herd immunity)
  - 6 April (depending on herd immunity)
  - 4 May (depending on herd immunity)
Happy Holidays
Some others you may want to consider

- 12.02 – National Mutt Day
- 12.04 – National Cookie Day
- 12.05 – International Ninja Day
- 12.06 – National Gazpacho Day
- 12.07 – National Cotton Candy Day
- 12.09 – National Llama Day
- 12.10 – Dewey Decimal System Day
- 12.12 – Gingerbread House Day
- 12.13 – National Ice Cream Day
- 12.15 – National Cat Herders Day
- 12.17 – National Maple Syrup Day
- 12.20 – National Ugly Sweater Day
- 12.23 – Festivus
- 12.27 – National Fruitcake Day
- 12.30 – National Bacon Day

- 01.01 – National Hangover Day
- 01.02 – Happy Mew Year for Cats Day
- 01.03 – JRR Tolkien Day
- 01.04 – National Spaghetti Day
- 01.08 – Earth’s Rotation Day
- 01.10 – National Houseplant Appreciation Day
- 01.13 – National Clean Your Desk Day
- 01.15 – National Hat Day
- 01.16 – National Fig Newton Day
- 01.18 – National Thesaurus Day
- 01.20 – National Cheese Lover’s Day
- 01.21 – National Squirrel Appreciation Day
- 01.23 – National Pie Day
- 01.25 – Opposite Day
- 01.28 – National Kazoo Day

(https://nationaltoday.com/)
President’s Report

David Newman
Committee Reports

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- IQAS – S.Farrell (5min)
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Urgent Policy

• Per the Academic Governance Standing Rules, in times of exigency, an ad hoc policy may be proposed and executed outside of standard procedures.
• Given the circumstances of COVID-19, we find the Minimum GPA Requirement Policy, passed in April 2017, to be challenging for students dealing with unprecedented circumstances.
• We propose that this policy be suspended for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.
  • First semester students would instead be placed on academic probation, as aligns with the policy for the rest of the campus. A full review of the current policy will be completed within 6 months to determine if it should be permanently repealed.
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Springer Journal Package – Cost Scenarios

• Cost to subscribe to the package as-is: About $150,000

• Springer’s “Orderly Retreat” – Remove bottom 8% of titles (about 50% of the collection for us): About $143,000

• Title-by-title subscriptions– For our top 16 journals, about $87,000

• Purchase article-level-access for ALL anticipated use– Based on historical average use and average costs, 2021 costs would be about $53,000*.
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Springer Journal Package – And why we shouldn’t (right now)

1. Financially it just doesn’t make sense to subscribe.
2. We should not reward a publisher that is so unwilling to work with the people that create the content they sell.
3. SUNY is working on negotiation a system-wide contract.
   1. Our walking away gives SUNY increased leverage.
   2. A system-wide contract will greatly reduce local burden in the library, business office, and counsel.

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Invest in building capacity – Pivot RP and Esploro

**Pivot RP will:**

1. Maximize the discovery of funding opportunities
2. Advance research collaboration
3. Extend and streamline communications and outreach for new funding opportunities
4. Assist in identifying relevant funding opportunities earlier in the process
5. Help to increase the amount of extramural funding
6. Integrate with Esploro to facilitate the grant/researcher connection

**Esploro will:**

1. Move beyond the traditional institutional repository, expanding the coverage of ESF’s research assets
2. Simplify research workflows without increasing the administrative burden on faculty or administrators
3. Connect libraries with research activities (research lifecycle)
4. Improve compliance with research policies
5. Unify user experience of library and research collections
6. Provide self service access to create, distribute, and consume rich analytics dashboards
7. Demonstrate the impact of research
Anticipated Esploro Improvements:

- Integration with Current Research Information Systems (CRIS)
- ESF is currently required (due to receipt of McIntire-Stennis Formula Funds) to actively participate in USDA NIFA CRIS via the USDA NIFA REEport System.
Anticipated Esploro Improvements:

- **Automate Research Discovery**
  - Esploro automatically searches for publications for each researcher.

- **Researcher Profiles**
  - The Esploro research information management system supports robust, automatically updated researcher profiles. These profiles showcase institutional expertise and the rich metadata enhances discoverability to a global audience.

- **Esploro’s automatic discovery of new research** will greatly ease the burden on researchers and library staff and lead to more of ESF’s research getting online faster than current systems allow.

ESF has adopted an Open Access Policy, which requires all scholars to deposit preprints of their research to our Institutional Repository, if possible. Esploro’s automatic discovery of new research will greatly ease the burden and lead to more of ESF’s research getting online faster than current systems allow.
Anticipated Esploro Improvements:

Integrate Research Publication Workflows

- Esploro provides rich analytics data for authors and assigned managers.
- Esploro allows for non-librarians to be granted access rights to the back-end of the site in order to deposit, manage and/or process submissions. This would allow many processes to grow more tightly integrated, with opportunities to streamline electronic thesis and dissertations, as well as bring value to the Office of Research Programs.

Esploro enables the library and research office to measure research impact through relevant analytics, data, and the analysis of cross-institutional activities. Going far beyond basic download and view statistics, Esploro makes rich metrics and analytics available to all relevant stakeholders, including researchers, administrators, and the Office of Research Programs. These reports can be utilized to support annual reports and for showcasing institutional outputs.
Anticipated Esploro Improvements:

Unify Institutional Repository for Users and Library
What does it cost?

- About $20,000 in new or found money (about $40,000 overall)
- We can accomplish this by walking away from Springer and migrating away from Digital Commons (that overall cost includes vendor supported migration) and still reduce library spend. We can even split that $40k over two fiscal years.
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• Thanks!

• **OSCQR Rubric Workshop**: December 15th, 12:30-2:30 PM

• **ESF 101**: short course, December 14th

• **Spring 2021**: Online Week 1 Template available

• **Hardy Shirley Faculty Mentoring Colloquium**: January 11th – 14th 10:00 – 11:30 am

• **Office of Communications' Website Training**: January 15th 10:00-11:30 am

For more information or questions:
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Adjourn