SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
meeting of Academic Governance

6 October 2020


1. Welcome / Call to Order/Acknowledgement
   Called to order at 11:02a

2. Approval of Past Minutes
   Approved 46, 2 abstain

3. Executive Chair Report
a. New Staff representatives announced to populate standing committees. See AG website for details.
b. New normal - Covid testing
   i. We are #4 for tests performed per student
   ii. Congrats to all for keeping everyone safe and continue current operations.

   a. Rufo
      i. Spending still limited to only required expenditures and improve revenue
      ii. 6-month budget submitted. Permanent reductions on hold
      iii. Latest ESF dashboard - 3128 tests, 0 current cases
      iv. Presidential search - hope to hear something in the next month
      v. Project inclusion plug from Dr. Carter
   
   b. Newman
      i. Fall commencement
         2. Students get names read by Chairs, no platform participants
         3. Students must pre-order regalia by Monday, October 12th
         4. Sp20 graduates will not have a commencement ceremony
         5. Sp21 calendar
            a. Class registration begin on December 7
            b. Jan 25 is first day (M) and end May 8 with commencement
            c. Last day of classes April 30
            d. No spring break
            e. SUNY Chancellor does not want F2F before Feb 1.
               i. May have first week be all online
            f. Teaching modalities
               i. 53% online now, 52% have some F2F
               ii. Need definitions by October 15 and stick with it
            g. Creation of Div of Gen Ed...
               i. Need to assess the Gen Ed program
               ii. Sophie is Director, Nasri is Math, Tyler is Writing
                  1. Responsibility of assessing other courses that satisfy Gen Ed requirement
                  2. Desire to have General Physics (not calc-based) on campus - costs $400,000 per year at SU (no info on cost to have it @ ESF)
            f. 6. Faculty have been heroic. Few complaints. Thanks given.

5. Committee Reports
a. Awards - submit to esf.edu/acadgov/awards.htm
b. University Faculty Senate
   i. Plenary held previous week. UFS reps offered to ask questions to the Chancellor
c. Research (none)
d. Curriculum (none)
e. SU Senate report
   i. SU lost $5m, 0.3% of total annual op budget
   ii. General business was listing off new committees and College function
f. Student Life (none)
g. P&T (none)
h. IQAS (none)
i. Library (none)
j. Technology (none)

6. Old Business
   a. Selection of Staff Representatives – R. Appleby
      i. Formalizing an election-type process
      ii. Deadline is end of AY, May 21
      iii. Goal is to have 30 staff members elected to AG

7. New Business
   a. Karin L. - Statements on Climate Change from aquatic scientists.
      i. Move forward with resolution coming out of AGEC

8. General Good and Welfare
   a. Project Inclusion – M.Carter
      i. Method to audit IDE initiatives
      ii. Using NERCHE self-assessment tool throughout fall 2020
      iii. Participation for various stakeholder groups

9. b. Title IX policy – R. Hoda-Kearse (5 min)
   a. Were 70 days to implement new Title IX changes
      i. Quid pro quo, harassment, assault, violence, stalking, etc.
      ii. Generated new ad-hoc group on updates, help from campus stakeholders, new pamphlet
      iii. Working with HR, unions, ORP on direct consultation.

10. Adjourn
    a. Motion from Aaron Rounds, second Mark Storrings. Meeting adjourned at 12:21pm.

Respectfully submitted by Neal Abrams, AG Secretary