

Guidelines for General Education at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry,  
Syracuse, NY

Approved by College Faculty on March 20, 2003

The Executive Committee of Faculty Governance will establish a sub-committee of the Committee on Instruction (COI), to be called the General Education Subcommittee (GES).

Responsibilities

- Oversee the General Education Program at ESF and recommend improvements in accordance with SUNY General Education Guidelines
- Administer the general education course list for ESF
- Review variances to the general education plan (including student petitions)
- Oversee assessment of the ESF General Education Program at ESF in liaison with the Associate Dean of Outreach, and Instructional Quality & Technology.

Composition and Terms

The GES will be fully representative of the faculties. The Chair of the GES will be appointed by the Executive Chair from the membership of the COI. Ex-officio members will include: faculty whose courses are being used for assessment of General Education; Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies; Associate Dean of Outreach, and Instructional Quality & Technology; and the Director of Admissions.

The Faculties of Landscape Architecture, Environmental Studies, Forest and Natural Resources Management, and Chemistry shall each, on odd years, identify one representative to serve on the General Education Subcommittee for a term of two years.

The Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology, the Division of Engineering, and the Library and Learning Resources Center shall each, on even years, identify one representative to serve on the General Education Subcommittee for a term of two years.

Proposal for Implementation

Faculty governance Executive Committee review of the proposal - February 11, 2003  
ESF Provost's Advisory Council on Excellence (PACE) review of proposal - February 18, 2003  
Proposal made for discussion at February Faculty Governance Meeting - February 20, 2003  
Proposal posted to discussion web site - February 21, 2003  
Proposal brought to vote at March Faculty Governance Meeting - March 20, 2003  
Establishment of GES-April, 2003

Notes

- The proposed structure follows the existing Faculty Governance by-laws.
- This proposal would result in Faculty Chairs being asked to identify one representative to Faculty Governance each year, alternating by years whether the representative serves on the GES or Faculty Governance in general (as per by-laws).