



State University of New York College of
Environmental Science and Forestry
Academic Affairs Committee

Minutes for January 30, 2024 Meeting 11 AM
217 Bray Hall

1. Call to Order 11:02
2. Welcome to our new chair, Ruth Owens
3. Updates from Academic Administration
 - a. MSCHE report was submitted 1/16 with over 500 documents
 - b. We don't know yet who MSCHE will want to meet with, please hold 2/28 open as much as possible until we hear from them
 - c. Gen Ed was initially attempted as a subcommittee of AAC, with a low response rate and very little engagement. Next attempt was direct requests to faculty who teach gen ed courses or have input to gen ed, which still has not garnered enough support. General Education is a function of the faculty and we need someone to own the assessment of the program.
 - i. Measures have been identified, rubrics are not complete but in progress.
 - ii. AAC subcommittee format reestablished, with one member from AAC, Ruth. The remaining members can be brought in from departments. Needs to be vetted through chairs.
4. Administrative Approvals
 - a. [Curriculum Revision Land Surveying Technology](#)
 - b. [Curriculum Revision Forest Technology](#)
 - c. [Curriculum Revision Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation](#)
5. Action Items
 - a. [New Course Proposal, ERE 620 Systems Microbiology and Biotechnology](#)
 - i. Updated to reflect the comments from previous meeting
 - ii. Minor confusion on why the online course information was provided.
Approved
 - b. [Revision to Academic Minor, Physics](#)
 - i. Courses at SU may be restricted
 - ii. Make sure reference to petition for minor is removed. **Approved**
 - c. [Revision to Academic Minor, Mathematics](#)
 - i. Removing 700-level from list. **Approved**
 - d. [Revision to Academic Minor, Computer and Information Technology](#) **Approved**
 - e. [New Course Proposal, EFB 105 Adirondack Field Studies in Environmental Biology](#)
 - i. Suggested title change "Introduction to Adirondack Biological Field Studies"
 - ii. Does not substitute for an ESF course. Free elective.
 - iii. 2.1 Course history, make sure it is included in final version
 - iv. Pathway program for ESF **Approved**
6. Old Business

a. none

7. New Business

a. none