



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

Minutes for December 10, 2024 Meeting 11 AM  
252 Marshall Hall

Voting members present: Ruth Owens, Erika Blair, Eddie Bevilacqua, Zora Thomova, Jamie Shinn, Bob Meyer, Avik Chatterjee, Jess Fenn, Emanuel Carter, Michael Schummer, Ann Moore, Christine Georgakakos

Non-voting members present: Terrance Caviness, Beth Minard, Leslie Rutkowski, Erin Tochelli, Steve Shaw

1. Call to Order 11:04
2. Approval of Minutes- Unanimously approved.
3. Updates from the Associate Provost
  - a. Please submit grades on time!
  - b. Waiver requests are down so far. Submit by 1/13/2025. 191 students registered for non-required courses right now.
  - c. Physics lecture only, will be offered at ESF this spring. Students will be able to take lab at SU and align with their course.
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Grade Forgiveness Ad Hoc Committee
    - i. Eddie, Erin, Beth, Mark Hill and Jeremy Hall will work on this in the spring. Others may join!
    - ii. Policy will have to be reviewed again and voted.
  - b. Online Programs Committee (ad hoc AGECE committee)
    - i. Some overlap with AGECE. Nominated Erika Blair as the conduit between AAC and OPC.
    - ii. Why is this not part of this committee? There was some back and forth at AGECE about this, but ultimately with the amount of work AAC has, and the potential for this becoming a standing committee in the future, AGECE felt it was best.
  - c. Microcredentials
    - i. The MCs that were posted have been tabled for now.
5. Old Business
  - a. Committee charge- Below is the charge as edited by the committee. The highlighted section is suggested to be removed.

This committee is charged with all matters of the College's instructional program. The committee shall *review and approve* ~~assess~~ the College curriculum; set standards for evaluating student academic performance and academic integrity; create, review and assess academic policies from matriculation through graduation; **promote, support, and evaluate instructional quality; provide consultation in areas of academic technology and instructional spaces**; review and consult on changes to academic programs, including

creation and discontinuation of programs; and consult with ad hoc committees to review petitions, academic warning ~~probations~~, academic suspensions, and dismissals.

-IQAS used to do Hardy Shirley, ASC, syllabus template, and other teaching resources.

-Tech committee deals with academic tech and spaces.

## 6. New Business

- a. [Course Revision ERE 365 Principles of Remote Sensing](#)
  - i. Contact hours were updated (uncheck lecture box). Added comparable class. Required in ENS mapping option area.
  - ii. Marked only format is changing, but there are many changes that should be checked (concepts, methods, catalog description).
  - iii. ArcGIS has been tested, and it seems to be working better with the VPN.
  - iv. **Approved 12-0-0**
- b. [Course Revision ERE 565 Principles of Remote Sensing](#)
  - i. SLOs need to be more rigorous for this level.
  - ii. Description is the same for both levels.
  - iii. Asked for revisions (vote occurred via email for unanimous approval after revisions were submitted) **Approved**
- c. [New Course Proposal, EPH 201 Physics I](#)
  - i. Question about the Math requirement co-req, APM 105 or 205 (list as Calc I), lab co-req
  - ii. There is some concern about folks who are out of sequence with Physics having to wait a year to take the next course. **Approved 10-0-0 (Fenn and Thomova left after previous vote)**
- d. [New Course Proposal, EPH 202 Physics II](#)
  - i. Course number was updated to EPH 203 to reduce confusion
  - ii. Why is the lab not listed as co-requisite?
  - iii. Most people take the course together, listing it as a co-req will limit confusion
  - iv. **Approved 10-0-0**
- e. [New Course Proposal EPH 204 Physics II Lab](#)
  - i. Contact hours needs to be corrected to 3 hours
  - ii. **Approved 10-0-0**