



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

Agenda for February 4, 2025 Meeting 11 AM
252 Marshall Hall

Voting members present: Jess Fenn, Erika Blair, Avik Chatterjee, Eddie Bevilaqua, Jamie Shinn,
Ann Moore, Bob Meyer, Dylan Parry, Ruth Owens, Christine Georgakakos, Zora Thomova

Non-voting members present: Terrance Caviness, Nino Jakhaia, Elizabeth Minard, Leslie
Routkowski, Erin Tochelli, Paul Hirsch

1. Call to Order 11:05
2. Updates from the Associate Provost
 - a. CPL Policy will be coming soon. Please be prepared to review
 - b. Students are still taking SU courses, despite fee. There are about 300 students in SU courses besides Physics, and only about a third applied for a waiver.
 - c. There will be a review of the policy on transferring credit from undergraduate to graduate programs coming soon, and how many credits can double count between the two. Suggested 9 credits max. This could help develop 4+1 programs.
 - i. Question: Does that mean they would be given graduate credit for a shared resource course that they didn't enroll in grad credit for?
 1. No, they would enroll in graduate courses their last year/semester that can be applied to both grad and undergrad to shorten the timeline for degree for grad program.
 - ii. Question about allowing 700-level courses having undergraduates.
 1. They would not be in upper-level grad as part of this pathway
 - iii.
 - d. Once all Physics courses are approved at ESF, we will provide a memo or blanket curriculum proposal to accept EPH courses in place of the SU versions.
3. Old Business
 - a. Committee charge

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Suggest removing highlighted language

- b. Grade Forgiveness Ad Hoc Committee
 - i. Has not yet met

4. New Business

- a. New Microcredential- Grant Writing Fundamentals
 - i. What is the mechanism for earning this?
 - 1. Coursera will be how this is delivered
 - 2. Working on how to badge/transcript
 - ii. There were several questions on costs of the program and how it will pay for itself. These are ongoing conversations
 - iii. Question about graduate students enrolling while matriculated. They can, it would be an additional cost.
 - iv. **Approved 10-0-0**
- b. New Microcredential- Public Engagement and Environmental Decision Making
 - i. Question about whether this can actually be delivered and how the students can produce the outcomes as described. Paul indicated that he believes this is possible, but a specialization may be chosen to focus on. These are already happening in the classes.
 - ii. 2.12 revised to reflect the shorter wording
 - iii. **Approved 10-0-0**
- c. [Course revision, ERE 311 Ecological Engr in the Tropics](#)
- d. [Course revision, ERE 511 Ecological Engr in the Tropics](#)
 - i. Question about whether they need GIS background, answer was no
 - ii. a statement needs to be added to the catalog description in the effect of "Additional student fee required for travel."
 - iii. Safety questions regarding travel/risk countries. Working with OIE to ensure the highest safety standards are being met and risk assessments have been completed.
 - iv. Both **Approved 10-0-0**

Next meeting:
Tuesday, March 4, 2025
252 Marshall Hall