



Academic Governance

Academic Governance College-Wide Meeting
21 April 2020

AGENDA

Those in virtual attendance (164 total based on Collaborate data, anonymous and dial-in not included):

Aaron Howard Rounds, Aaron Knight, Anna, Anne Lombard, Anthony Chefalo, Ashley Gouger, Avik Chatterjee, Beth Minard, biljana bujanovic, Bill Nicholson, Bill Smith, Bob Malmsheimer, Brandon Murphy, Brenda Greenfield, Brian Boothroyd, Brian Leydet, Bruce Breitmeyer, Benette Whitmore, Caren Bertrand, Casey Duffy, Casey Koons, Chang Geun Yoo, Chris Nomura, Chris Nowak, Chris Whipps, Colin Beier, Craig J. Perrault, Cynthia Downs, Dana Piwinski, Daniel Collins, Danielle Kloster, Danny Fernando, Dave, Dave Amberg, Dave Dz, Dave, David, Joe, and Mark, David Kiemle, David Newman, Dawn Jewell, Deb Driscoll, Debbie Caviness, Deepak Kumar, Diane Kuehn, Doug Johnston, Douglas Daley, Douglas Moore, Dr. Lizette Rivera, Eddie Bevilacqua, Eileen Baldassarre, Elizabeth Vidon, Endong Wang, Erica Majumder, Erin Robideau, Erin Tochelli, Fiona, gary peden, Gary Scott, Greg Boyer, Greg V, Gyu Leem, Heather Engelman, Huiting Mao, Jacqui Frair, Jaime Mirowsky, James Gibbs, Janine DeBaise, Jennifer Cullivan, Jennifer Fazio, Jennifer Keating, Jill Rahn, Jill Weiss, Jim Sahm, Joe Pagcaliwagan, John Drake, John Farrell, John Hassett, John Stella, John Turbeville, John Wagner, Jon Owens, Josh Drew, Julia Burton, Justin Heavey, karen, Karen Moore, Kate Bailie, Kate E., Katherina Searing, OA, Kerrie Findlay, Kimberly Oswald, Kimberly L. Schulz, Klaus Doelle, KP, Kurt Stavenhagen, Laura, Lauren Kwaczala, Leah Tuck, Lemir Teron, Leslie Rutkowski, Lindi Quackenbush, Lisa C, Lisa Schwabenbauer, Lydia, Mariann Johnston, Mark, Mark Driscoll, Mark Storrings, Mark Teece, Marlene, Mary Thompson, Mary Triano, Matt Smith, Maura, Maureen O Fellows, Melissa, Mohamad Razkenari, Monica Blaisdell, Nan Clark, Natalee Wrege, Neal Abrams, Nehan Naim, neil ringler, Nichole Dougherty, NN, Obste, OT, Patti, Paul Crovella, Paul Hirsch, Philippe Vidon, Rachel Leibowitz, RAM, Ray Appleby, Raymond Francis, Rene' Germain, Robert Meyer, Russ Briggs, Ruth Owens, Ruth Yanai, Ryan A., Sarah Yurka, Sharon Moran, Shelby Coleman, sherry perrault, Shijie Liu, Siddharth Chatterjee, Sophie Gublo-Jantzen, Stacy McNulty, Steve Voelker, Steve Waldron, Sue, Sue Benoit, Sue Nevins, Susan Anagnost, Susan Sanford, Ted Dibble, Terry Ettinger, Theresa Selfa, Tim Volk, Tom Carter, Tom Horton, Tony Miller, Tristan Brown, William Powell

1. Welcome

11:04am - via Blackboard Collaborate, acknowledge of where we stand

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Meetings posted, no comments yet, approved by general consent

3. Reports

a. Executive Chair - Daley: lots of engagement / shared governance with Admin, including P/F grading decision; email from BoT Chair Marko about Pres Search Cmte membership including AG faculty and staff representatives

b. Interim President - Amberg: well wishes for everyone's health. we find ourselves in extremely serious financial situation with sacrifices and hard decisions. We are not immunized against this situation w/over 10 years of low state funding. SUNY system is concerned about their ability to support all 64 campuses. State budget is not bad now but State Budget Director has discretion to make big cuts at points in the forthcoming year. Right now trying to make decisions that preserve our future opportunities to generate revenue and maintain quality programs that are well-enrolled. Have made a few decisions: we are moving forward with Marshall Hall renovation, with Enrollment Management and Open Academy Dean positions. As individuals we need to look at ourselves to see what we can do to support revenue and cut costs. "Ask not what ESF can do for you, but what you can do for ESF."

Q: Neal Abrams: what if any plans do we have for Fall semester?

A: Dave Amberg: we are looking at different scenarios, am cautiously optimistic, but will have to implement some changes. Centennial Hall will pose challenges. Based on recent data, we remain in a linear growth phase, no inflection point yet, peak is projected in mid-July. Our messaging is that we intend to go back to resident instruction in the Fall 2020.

c. VP Admin - Rufo: [presentation slide deck will be posted online] Disclaimer: we are doing all of this in 'real time' with daily guidance and very fluid situation. We've been asked to explore three scenarios of changes in our tax-based State aid: low (-25%), base (-10%), and best (0%) change. On top of \$5M operating deficit. Projected decreases in enrollment will further exacerbate situation. NYS Budget Director will likely have authority to adjust spending and appropriations at-will during coming year. SUNY is giving us strong guidelines (nearly mandates) to constrain hiring any new full-time positions. Until May 10th no layoffs, furloughs, entrenchments, etc for regular employees. Any savings will be redirected to be appropriated by executive leadership's discretion. Constraints on purchasing and non-labor spending - all purchases require approval based on 4 criteria (see slides).

Q/A:

Colin Beier: is this relevant for NYS accounts only, or RF as well? Do these restrictions apply to expenditures on Discovery Challenge accounts?

Rufo: Yes, state side. Chancellor has affirmed first-year DC funds.

Jaime Mirowsky: How might this impact funds from faculty start-up packages that expire in the Fall?

Rufo: Going to have to look at each expenditure and its justification.

Melissa Fierke: Please reiterate the timing on these constraints... immediate?

Rufo: Yes, immediately.

Sue: When can we expect to see guidance about how to submit p-card purchase justification to the BO? Ex: will there be a form? Will an email suffice? What info is needed, what approvals from supervisors are needed etc.

Sophie Gublo-Jantzen: The MSCHE Self-Study Steering Committee has a \$75/month subscription service to manage our Evidence Inventory documents, how should we manage this recurring charge?

Doug: Please send Joe emails directly with specific questions using header "RE: ESF spending constraint plans" ...

Multiple questions about faculty startup funds and whether they can be spent, contractual issues.

d. Interim Provost - Newman: We are moving forward with Enrollment Management search, three candidates doing virtual interviews on ESF-TV in next two weeks, will get more info out on those. Marshall Hall: will be necessary to have boxes packed ideally by May 19th, by May 31st (but no compensation for extra service). For junior faculty concerned about their tenure clock, they can request up to a one year stoppage (involves temporary change in title only) - a negotiation between Provost, Chair and requesting Faculty member.

P. Vidon: what about Marshall basement labs? How / where to move stuff?

D. Newman: we will have more info on that soon.

C. Downs: when do people need to request tenure clock stoppage?

D. Newman: we can be very flexible on this.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

a. Ad-hoc Nominating Cmte for Presidential Search

i. AG Elections: Officers

Please self-nominate or check with folks you wish to nominate ahead of time.

b. Committee Reports

i. Curriculum - OIGS Proposal Revisions to Candidacy Exam

E. Bevilacqua: summary of proposed changes to candidacy exam policy, related to availability of Form 3 for ERE students, other minor edits.

This motion will be voted on electronically following the AG meeting.

- ii. Research -
- iii. IQAS -
- iv. Library - SUNY Open Access and System Repository policy (compliance)

M. Smith: policy in compliance with SUNY mandate, we've had this out for a while without comments or concerns, reminder that participation is entirely voluntary.

This motion will be voted on electronically following the AG meeting.

- v. UFS Senator
- vi. SUNY UFS Senate
- vii. Student Life
- viii. Awards

6. General Good and Welfare

7. Adjourn at 12:20

Agenda via Daley email:

- Announcement of Open Period for Nominations for AG Officers (As always, we are looking for leaders, and all of the elected positions are open this year, so it's a good time to step up!) refer to Bylaws and Standing Rules for information about the positions <https://www.esf.edu/acadgov/bylaws.htm>
- Action on Curriculum Committee recommendations (OIGS policy re PhD Candidacy Examinations <https://www.esf.edu/coc/cp.asp>)
- Action on Open Access Policy <https://libguides.esf.edu/openaccess/policy>
- General Good and Welfare