



State University of New York College of
Environmental Science and Forestry

Academic Governance

10/15/19

Acknowledgement

- Where We Stand

Approval of 9/17/2019 Meeting Minutes

- https://www.esf.edu/acadgov/documents/AG%2009172019_minutes.pdf

Executive Chair Report

- UFS Plenary
 - CGL meetings
 - Call for Committee members
 - Professional employees are eligible
 - Academic employees are eligible
 - Chancellor report
 - ESF President Search
 - Alt-Senator Report to follow
- Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) (2

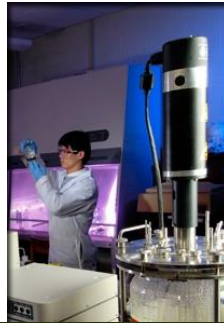
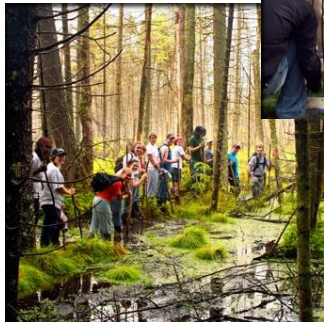
President's Report

Marshall Hall

- Progress is on schedule

Undergraduate Admissions

Undergraduate Admissions Update Academic Governance October 15, 2019



Guiding the Goals

- 2013-2017: modest growth in #'s & profile
 - FY #'s established by Centen capacity
 - TR application decline SUNY-wide
- 2018: significant increase in goals
 - Too late to impact size of the applicant pool
 - POS applicant #'s, not capacity, drive admits
- 2019: dial it back to 'modest growth' path
 - App rates flip! FY decrease & TR increase
 - Yields exceed expectations

First Year Applications

<u>Year</u>	<u>Applied</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Deposited</u>
2019	1663	1155	353
2018	2032	1233	386
2017	1830	948	329

First Year Profiles

Year	Class Size	GPA Range	GPA Mean	SAT Range	SAT Mean	ACT Range	ACT Mean
2019	353	89.9-95.5	92.6	1120-1300	1229	23-28	26
2018	386	89.0-95.3	91.9	1150-1310	1231	23-29	26
2017	329	90.0-96.0	92.8	1130-1300	1235	24-28	26

Syracuse Transfer Applications

<u>Year</u>	<u>Applied</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Deposited</u>
2019	706	316	231
2018	708	297	200
2017	730	279	185

Ranger School Transfer Applications

<u>Year</u>	<u>Applied</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Deposited</u>
2019	119	55	55
2018	110	55	47
2017	130	62	57

Where are we now?

- Overall undergraduate enrollment goals have been met each year
- Overall profile has been maintained
- Recent history has been inconsistent
 - For 2018 we were ambitious
 - For 2019 we over-performed
- 2020: Proposal
 - FY: reverse application decline & plan modest increase
 - TR SYR: anticipate application decline & slight decrease
 - RS: anticipate application decline & hold steady

Committee Reports

- Research
- Curriculum
- Student Life
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- SU Senate

Research

Curriculum

**Report by
Committee on Curriculum**

Academic Governance meeting

Oct. 15, 2019

Committee on Curriculum

Information only

➤ Approved New Courses

- ✓ ESF 899 Master's Degree in Progress

- ✓ ESF 999 Doctoral Degree in Progress

 - No credit course options for summer graduation plans without financial penalty

➤ Administratively Approved Minor Course Revisions

- ✓ FOR 692 Capstone in Resources Management

 - Change in title

- ✓ FOR 797 Seminar

 - Increase in credit hours from 1 to 1-3

Committee on Curriculum

Information only

- In queue
 - 3 curriculum revisions (ENS)
 - 11 new course proposals
 - 2 course revision proposals
 - 3 course deactivations
 - Policy Proposal- PhD Candidacy Exam Procedure

Committee on Curriculum

- Reminder



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MAIN MENU

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Committee on Curriculum

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Current Proposals for Review Academic Year 2019-2020

Please note that, in order for a proposal to be considered by the Committee on Curriculum during the 2019-2020 academic year meeting schedule, the deadline for submission of proposals is as follows:

Curriculum Proposals deadline: October 31, 2019

Course Proposals deadline: March 1, 2020

IQAS

Syllabus revision

STUDENTS WITH LEARNING AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

SUNY-ESF works with the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at Syracuse University, who is responsible for coordinating disability-related accommodations. ODS is responsible for coordinating disability-related academic accommodations and will work with the student to develop an access plan. Since academic accommodations may require early planning and generally are not provided retroactively, please contact ODS as soon as possible to begin this process. To discuss disability-accommodations or register with ODS, please visit their website at <http://disabilityservices.syr.edu>. Please call (315) 443-4498 or email disabilityservices@syr.edu for more detailed information.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty is a breach of trust between a student, one's fellow students, or the instructor(s). Examples of academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to plagiarism and cheating, and other forms of academic misconduct. By registering for courses at ESF you acknowledge your awareness of the ESF Code of Student Conduct. More information regarding Academic Integrity, including the process for resolving alleged violations, can be found in the Student Handbook (<https://www.esf.edu/students/handbook/>).

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Mentoring colloquium

- Thurs Jan 9th; ≈ 9:00-3:00
- Focus on active learning techniques
- Tentative workshops may include:
 - Exam wrappers
 - Jigsaw techniques
 - Integrating active learning in large classes
 - Class session planning for active learning
 - Active learning in an online environment

We are seeking mentors to lead workshops. Please contact Shannon:

sfarrell@esf.edu

Awards

2019-2020 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

Please consider nominating a deserving individual!

Categories:

Professional Staff:

Excellence in Professional Service

Faculty:

Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities

Excellence in Teaching

Excellence in Faculty Service

Excellence in Librarianship

Excellence in Adjunct Teaching

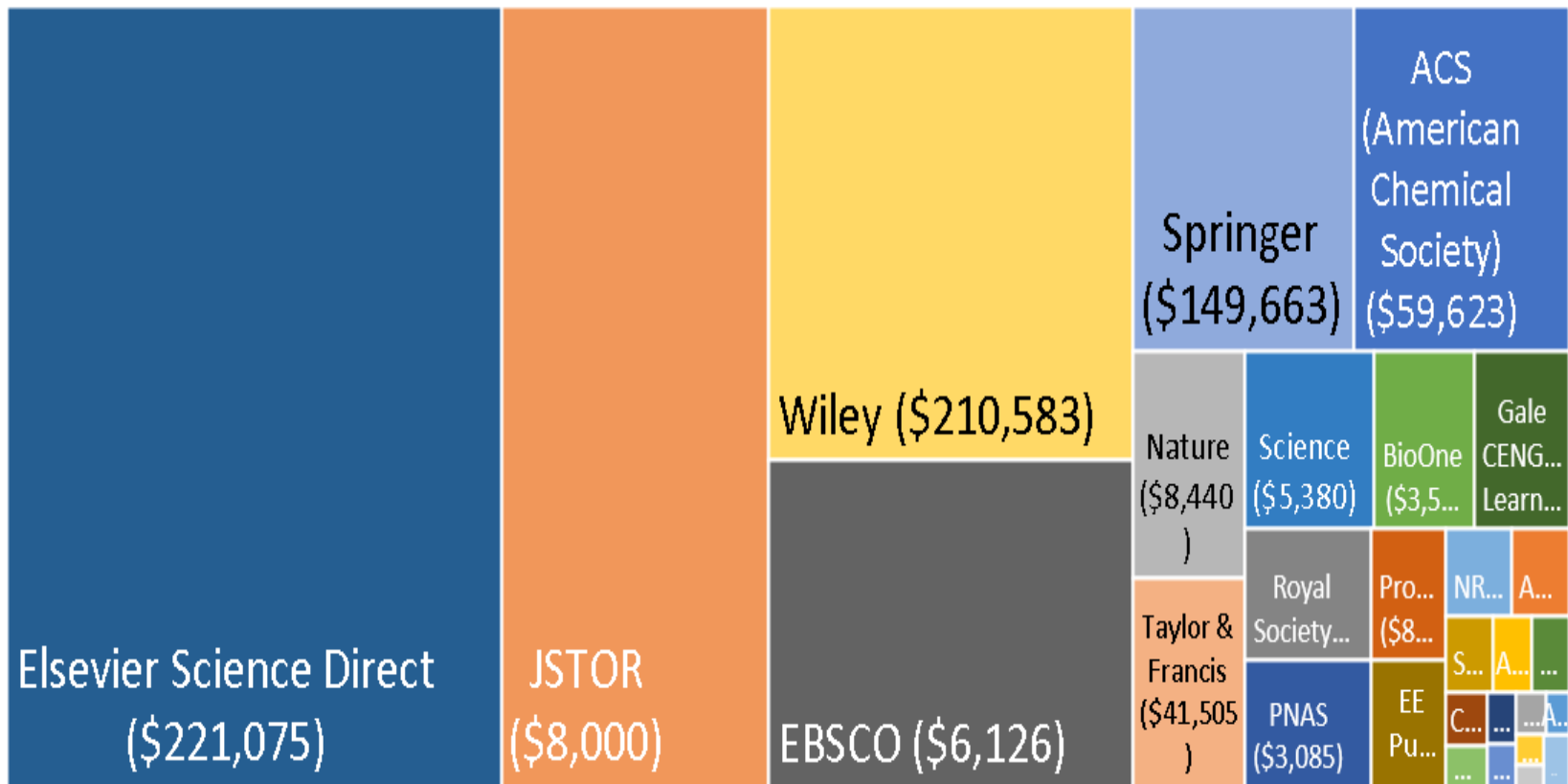
Due: October 25, 2019 to 228 Gateway Center or kbsearing@esf.edu

The awards committee will review these pre-nominations and if approved, will subsequently request supporting documentation for completion of a full nomination.

Library

Structural changes in access to scholarship

Subscription Resource Use by Platform



Structural changes in access to scholarship

	Elsevier 2019	Elsevier 2020 (proposed)	Elsevier 2021 (proposed)	Elsevier 2022 (proposed)
ESF Cost	\$221,909	\$234,973	\$239,672	\$244,466
	Wiley 2019	Wiley 2020	Wiley 2021	
ESF Cost	\$216,901	\$223,408	\$230,110	

Structural changes in access to scholarship

ScienceDirect

un-use	# Titles	% of Collection
Zero Use	583	27.62%
1 use	299	14.16%
2 uses	208	9.85%
3 uses	129	6.11%
4 uses	103	4.88%
5 uses	96	4.55%
Total Un-use	1418	67.17%
Total Titles in collection	2111	

Wiley un-use

Un-use	# Titles	% of Collection
Zero Use	262	32.71%
1 use	138	17.23%
2 uses	86	10.74%
3 uses	43	5.37%
4 uses	33	4.12%
5 uses	27	3.37%
Total Un-use	589	73.53%
Total Titles in collection	801	

Elsevier consistently most-used titles	Journal of Environmental Management	Journal of Great Lakes Research
Science of The Total Environment	Remote Sensing of Environment	Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution
Bioresource Technology	Water Research	Fuel
Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews	Ecological Indicators	Waste Management
Journal of Cleaner Production	Environmental Pollution	Industrial Crops and Products
Biological Conservation	Algal Research	Energy Policy
Forest Ecology and Management	Chemosphere	Harmful Algae
Current Biology	Biomass and Bioenergy	Energy Conversion and Management
Trends in Ecology & Evolution	Applied Energy	International Journal of Hydrogen Energy
Landscape and Urban Planning	Renewable Energy	Marine Pollution Bulletin
Urban Forestry & Urban Greening	Atmospheric Environment	Carbohydrate Polymers
	Chemical Engineering Journal	Land Use Policy
	ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	Agricultural and Forest Meteorology
	Environmental Science & Policy	Ecological Economics
	Energy	Separation and Purification Technology

Wiley consistently most-used titles

Global Change Biology	Angewandte Chemie International Edition	Restoration Ecology	Ecological Applications
New Phytologist	Evolution	Journal of Ecology	Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres
Ecosphere	Conservation Biology	Freshwater Biology	Water Resources Research
Ecology and Evolution	Journal of Applied Ecology	Functional Ecology	Ecography
Ecology	Methods in Ecology and Evolution	Journal of Animal Ecology	GCB Bioenergy
Molecular Ecology	Geophysical Research Letters	Biofuels, Bioproducts and Biorefining	Journal of Biogeography
Ecology Letters		Hydrological Processes	Environmental Microbiology
The Journal of Wildlife Management			Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences

Structural changes in access to scholarship

Elsevier
ScienceDirect
t Scenarios:

Please note that Elsevier will not negotiate with us at a campus level while still in negotiations with SUNY – structurally there is no path forward at this time.

- A third revision of a proposal is submitted to SUNY that meets our request to reset pricing to 2012 levels
- This proposal fails and a different model of access is explored (medium or small deal) that works for us
- We rely on our backfile (current through 12/31/2019) and fulfillment services for access moving forward.
- We, eventually, negotiate our own access likely using a blend of subscriptions and use-driven access.
- Any number of permutations that blend these scenarios and/or introduce other

Structural changes in access to scholarship

Wiley

Scenarios:

- In talks with Wiley and examining usage data and access scenarios that meet our needs and means.
- Likely a blend of subscriptions to key titles and “token” access to a broader collection. Token access is a steeply discounted pay-per-use program.
- Barring the unforeseen we will have resolution by 12/31/19

UFS

UFS Senator Report

October 10-12, 2019 Plenary, Albany

- Gary Scott, Alternate Senator
- Doug Daley, CGL



UFS President's Report

Gwen Kay

- Advocacy for SUNY
 - Budget is lower than 2009
 - Advocate to fill the gaps (e.g., Excelsior)

- Presidential Searches
 - 11 searches ongoing (including ESF)
 - Searches prescribed by BoT Guidelines especially the composition of the search committee
 - Open searches
 - Representative searches

UFS President's Report

Gwen Kay

- SUNY Online
 - Financial model
 - Rush to implement
 - Impact on other initiatives
 - 234 students using the new program (7 campuses)

- General Education Task Force
 - Current general education program dates from 1999
 - New task force to revise Gen Ed standards coming

UFS President's Report

Gwen Kay

- Seamless transfer
 - Does it work?
 - Recommended to review each pathway over 4 years
 - Of 11 pathways for first year, Biology is only ESF discipline

- Other task forces
 - Mental health and wellness
 - Food insecurity
 - SUNY Council on assessment
 - Advisory council on teaching and technology

Executive Committee Report

Keith Landra

- Current resolutions on the floor
 - ❑ Encouraging campuses to have a EID committee
 - ❑ Maintaining a welcoming and safe campus environment
 - ❑ Getting an equitable contract with Elsevier
 - ❑ Support of Downstate resolutions on research policies
 - ❑ Research misconduct investigation policies

Board of Trustees Report

Merryl Tisch

- Interaction between SUNY Central and campuses
- Nobel prize for Binghamton chemistry professor
- Presidential searches are very important. How can the searches be better?
- Unfunded mandates. Want to hear about what affects the campuses.

Sector Questions to Chancellor

University Centers

- The drop in US News rankings dropped due to factoring in faculty salaries. How to correct salary imbalance?
 - Concerned about faculty salaries. Negotiated by governor's office. Needs data. Salaries need to be competitive.
- How is SUNY Online going to compete successfully? Why is there a need for a new model?
 - Lack of integration between 'stacks.' Need to integrate amongst campuses. Reinvest 'profit' back into institutions. Share 'instructors' amongst campuses.
- How are liberal arts reflected in your priorities?
 - Key to education. Working on major investment in history. Establishing graduate fellowships.

Sector Questions to Chancellor

Specialized Colleges (includes ESF)

- New administration and searches. Actions to take when faculty are not included in process.
 - Breakdown of collaboration should be directed to the president. President should have open door policy to students, faculty, etc. Wants campuses to lead.
- Specialized colleges have expensive programs. Cost of shared services with other institutions.
 - Specialized campuses are expensive. Technology is not inexpensive. Don't have budget for equipment maintenance. Critical maintenance is not sufficient for needs. Need to integrate energy efficiency in critical maintenance.
- Specialized equipment and cost. How to keep infrastructure current?
 - Match needs of curriculum with workforce needs. Campuses can apply for CFA funds for equipment maintenance.

Chancellor's Report

Kristina Johnson

- AY20 Goals and Objectives
 - Faculty workload
 - Diversity (Faculty is 8-9% diverse)
 - Faculty, staff, and student safety

- Priority and initiatives matrix
 - People and partnerships
 - Individualized education
 - Innovation and entrepreneurship
 - Sustainability

Chancellor's Report

Kristina Johnson

- Enrollment and graduation
 - Trending down and leveling off
 - Number of college-age students reaches a minimum in ~2029
 - Excelsior students graduate at a 3x rate

- Internships
 - Students with internships earn \$9K to \$26K more upon graduation
 - Internships help differentiate programs

- SUNY Online
 - Need to attract those students that go out of state
 - Need to identify gaps
 - Target 24-44 year olds

Student Assembly Report

Austin Ostro

- Advocacy priorities
 - Building organizational capacity
 - Enhancing advocacy
 - Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - Expand Pell eligibility
 - Closing the TAP gap
 - Funding for campuses

- Website relaunch – www.sunysa.org

Provost Report

Todd Laursen

- Enrollment management
 - Re-enroll to complete
 - Applied learning and internships
 - SUNYAchieve (early warning, degree planning)

- General education review
 - White and green papers available
 - Task force is being appointed
 - Completion date – end of AY20-21
 - Want to keep campus flexibility
 - Need to satisfy the requirements of Middle States

Provost Report

Todd Laursen

- International education strategic review
 - Inventory opportunities for students
 - Inventory partnerships of dual degrees, etc.
 - Policy review
 - Develop future strategy

- Student Wellness
 - Address concerns related to health and wellness and recommend best practices

Provost Report

Todd Laursen

- Seamless transfer
 - Can look at cohorts before and after
 - Transfer students earned 48% of BS degrees
 - 72% thought that transfer paths did not need to be reviewed (by faculty)
 - Key student outcomes
 - Decrease in time to degree (by 0.15 terms)
 - Credits at completion decreased by 1.16
 - Completion rate increased by 1.5%

Provost Report

Todd Laursen

- SUNY Online
 - New marketing campaigns
 - Refreshed course instructional materials
 - Provided instructional design support
 - Targeting non-traditional students
 - Convening an Online Advisory Committee
 - RFP for additional programs
 - General education
 - Foreign language
 - Sustainability
 - “Fill in the gaps”
 - Graduate programs

By-laws Revisions (January Plenary)

Sandra Rezac

- Elections of Senators / Senators Alternate
 - 3-year term
 - Terms must coincide (be elected together)
 - Can be more than one alternate
 - Time spent as alternate does not count towards term limits
- Each campus should have its own bylaws; the bylaws must include the campus standing committees
- Duties of faculty governance positions clarified

Resolutions (Unofficial as of today)

- Establishment of Standing Campus Senate EID Committees
- Annual Affirmation of SUNY Diversity and Inclusion Values by Campus Presidents
- UFS Support for SUNY Negotiations for a Fair and Reasonable Contract with Elsevier
- UFS Support of Downstate Medical on Research Misconduct Policies
- Research Misconduct Investigation Policies
- Recognition of Distinguished Professor M. Stanley Whittingham, Binghamton University, 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, lithium-ion batteries

Call for UFS Committee Service

- Equity, Inclusion and Diversity
- Ethics
- Governance
- Graduate and Research
- Operations
- Programs and Awards
- Student Life
- Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies

Presidential Searches

- 8 SUNY (ESF is one of them) plus 3 CC
- “Open” or “Representational” (confidential) search
- Committee:
 - ❑ 4 members of Council (or ESF BoT), including chair
 - ❑ 6 full-time faculty (elected)
 - ❑ 1 alumni
 - ❑ 1 foundation
 - ❑ 1 dean
 - ❑ 1 professional
 - ❑ 1 incumbent/retired president or Chancellor’s senior staff

UFS Senator Vacancy - Notice

- ESF Senator did not perform duties (one academic year). Must be replaced.
- Candidates may be either academic employee or professional employee
 - “Professional staff.” All persons occupying positions designated by the Chancellor as being in the unclassified service
- AGEC will consider nomination and election process.
 - To complete the remainder of the term (through April 2020)
 - Two Plenaries – January and April 2020

SU Senate

Syracuse University Senate Meeting September 18 , 2019

Susan Anagnost Syracuse University Senator

Chancellor Syverud:

- SU Commencement will be held on the Quad due to Dome construction
- Last year they raised \$163 million- most of any year
- He spoke at length about freedom of speech on campus;
 - faculty should be able to speak without fear of retribution; he would not censor anyone;
 - he is concerned about safety particularly this year with upcoming election in 2020; does not know what to do about conveying this message to the campus; concerns about attacks upon those with different opinions; asks that we be respectful of others opinions; he recognizes that people are fearful of expressing their views and he is concerned about safety.

Provost's remarks

- SU is working on Gender Pay Equity. Ad hoc committee is developing tools to evaluate employee contributions
- SU is now doing background checks when hiring new faculty; later will do same for existing faculty

Committee on Curricula report

- Nothing of note so far this year; this was the first meeting

Other – general comments on agenda for the year; committee chairs/ how to run the meeting

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

NEWS and GENERAL INFORMATION

- Fall Celebration

ADJOURNMENT