

Subject: Message from the SUNY ESF Board of Trustees
Date: Friday, February 5, 2016 at 3:36:08 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Nancy A. Otts
To: CampusNews

This message is sent on behalf of the SUNY ESF College Board of Trustees.

Campus Community,

The SUNY ESF Board of Trustees supports President Wheeler’s leadership and celebrates the college’s accomplishments over the past year.

In response to concerns raised in 2015 regarding leadership, management and relationships, ESF, in collaboration with SUNY, commissioned an independent consulting firm to conduct an assessment. A report was issued in January 2016, entitled, “SUNY ESF Strengthening Our Community: A Report provided in response to Concerns about Campus Leadership, Management and Relationships.”

After considering the Report, President Wheeler recently developed an outline for a campus Engagement Action Plan that is intended to create constructive communication venues for the entire ESF community. The Board of Trustees supports this engagement process and President Wheeler’s desire to create a diverse, inclusive, and dynamic campus community where courteous discourse may be conducted in a civil and professional atmosphere. The SUNY ESF Board of Trustees will continue to engage with President Wheeler and the campus community to monitor participation and assess outcomes.

The SUNY ESF Board of Trustees is also fully aware of the “bill of particulars” recently issued by three faculty members as well as the suggestion that there be a vote of no confidence in President Wheeler. The SUNY ESF Board of Trustees has reviewed the bill of particulars and President Wheeler’s response and fact checks.

The SUNY ESF Board of Trustees acknowledges our common ground – the dedication and admiration we have for the college. We are confident in President Wheeler’s leadership and the entire ESF community to work collaboratively in the best interest of the college.

Nancy Otts
Secretary to the Vice President
for Administration
SUNY-ESF
208 Bray Hall
1 Forestry Drive
Syracuse, NY 13210
315-470-6622 – 315-470-6932fax
naotts@esf.edu