



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Faculty Governance

Resolution No: S2013-01

A RESOLUTION of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Faculty
Introduced by the Faculty Governance Committee on Student Life

Requesting additional scheduling of “College Hour” periods.

WHEREAS in the autumn of 2012 ESF instituted a “College Hour” to provide common time during normal business hours to schedule departmental and college-wide meetings and events; AND

WHEREAS this opportunity has been met with overall approval and appreciation by students, faculty and staff; BUT

RECOGNIZING that the current, scheduled one hour per week (Wednesdays 12:45-1:40) is insufficient to meet the scheduling demands of numerous student, departmental, inter-departmental and college governance committees and organizations; AND

RECOGNIZING that several ESF courses continue to be scheduled at times that conflict with the college hour, thereby hindering student participation in college-sponsored organizations and events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. the ESF faculty request two additional hours be set aside during each week of regular instruction, during which departments, student groups, faculty and student governance and the entire college community can schedule business meetings;
2. chosen periods be cleared of all regularly scheduled instruction in order to eliminate conflicts that prohibit students and faculty to participate in various college business and service;
3. this schedule change take effect at the beginning of the Spring 2014 semester;
4. the ESF faculty recommend the additional hours be placed on Mondays and Fridays 12:45-1:40; and
5. committees, organizations and departments attempt to further coordinate meeting times to minimize conflicts in service obligations (e.g., intra-departmental business be scheduled on Mondays, inter-departmental and governance business be scheduled on Wednesdays, and campus-wide gatherings and special events be scheduled on Fridays).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The Executive Chair of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Faculty Governance convey in writing (email is acceptable) the contents of this resolution to **Neil Murphy** (President of the College and Faculty Chair), with copies to **Mary Chandler** (Registrar), **Anne Lombard** (Dean of Student Affairs), and **Bruce C. Bongarten** (Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs) within ten (10) days of the date of approval below. The contents of this resolution shall also be conveyed to the main body of the SUNY-ESF faculty via email, campus news, the faculty governance website, and shall be included *verbatim* in the minutes of the meeting at which it was passed.

Approved and adopted the _____ day of _____ 20____.

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____

 Nos: _____

 Absent: _____

Secretary for the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Faculty