



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

College Governance

Resolution No: _____

Resolution Requesting Support for Multiple Choice Test Scoring

Introduced by the Instructional Quality and Academic Standards Committee of Faculty governance

Whereas many large enrollment classes currently use multiple choice testing; and

Whereas some departments are beginning to use their accrediting organization's standardized multiple choice examinations to aid in course and program assessment; and

Whereas manually scoring multiple choice standardized exams is time consuming and does not allow for easy analysis of the data on individual questions, particularly when the sample size is large; and

Whereas ESF has been dependent upon the Syracuse University (SU) testing facility; and

Whereas in a forwarded email dated February 10, 2015, from the Associate Provost of Instruction, SU has limited who might use their exam scoring services to those faculty currently listed in their database, precluding new users, such as visiting instructors for sabbatical leaves or faculty instituting standardized exams for assessment from using their services; and

Whereas current Computer and Network Services staffing limitations, insufficient testing space and the lack of digital standardized exams, precludes the use of on-line testing at this point; and

Whereas the cost of a Scantron with service contract for one year has been quoted as ~\$2745 and could be used by graduate assistants and professors as easily as a scanner;

Be it therefore resolved that Faculty Governance requests that the ESF Administration purchase (or lease) a Scantron (or similar) exam-scoring device immediately;

And be it further resolved that the ESF Administration investigates the potential for secure computer examination rooms so that on-line exams and quizzes can be deployed in a technologically sufficient, and appropriately monitored, environment.