Dear ESF Community,

Please help me congratulate Professor and Chair Bandaru Ramarao and his faculty for their forward-thinking and decisive action on the renaming of their department. The Department of Paper and Bioprocess Engineering has officially been changed to the Department of Chemical Engineering. With FNRM recently changing its name to SRM, we've added "updating two giant pencil hammock hangers" to our to-do lists!

I am pleased to share that the renaming process was rigorous, thoughtful and methodical. The decision to make the move received widespread support from the Bioprocess Engineering Advisory Board, Syracuse Pulp and Paper Foundation, alumni, students, and various members of the campus community. According to Chair Ramarao, the new name captures more fully the complete spectrum of academic programs offered within the department. The new name helps to define the department’s mission in a broader science and engineering context and emphasizes the department’s organic links to the fundamental sciences of chemistry and, increasingly, biology as well as to the applied sciences of biotechnology and of the environment. In addition, changing the name to Chemical Engineering highlights the department’s connection to environmental engineering and science, as chemical engineering principles play an important role in modern environmental engineering processes.

“Chemical Engineering is an umbrella description of our academic programs,” according to Chair Ramarao. *(The complete list of academic programs is below.)* “With the addition of the proposed chemical engineering program, we expect a new vitality and synergy between all of our undergraduate and graduate academic programs. This new name will be strongly reflective of the range and depth of the departmental academic, research and service activities.”

Thank you for your leadership Ram.

Sincerely,
Dave Amberg
Interim President

**Degree Programs:**
BS in Paper Engineering (accredited by ABET)
BS in Bioprocess Engineering (accredited by ABET, Chemical Engineering)
BS in Renewable Materials Science
BS in Chemical Engineering (proposed to SUNY, December 2019)
Bioprocess Engineering (MPS, MS, PhD)
Biomaterials Engineering (MS, PhD)
Paper Science and Engineering (MPS, MS, PhD)
Sustainable Engineering Management (MPS): SEM-PSE, SEM-BPE
Wood Science (MPS, MS, PhD)

Non-Degree Programs:
Advanced Certificate in Bioprocessing
Advanced Certificate in Radiation Curing