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A Statement of the College of Forestry Position

The College of Forestry is mindful of the importance at this time of clarifying its relationship to Syracuse University as it has been modified by the establishment of the State University of New York. In general, the College would like to see maintained the friendly, harmonious, and mutually helpful relations that have been traditional between the College and Syracuse University. These relationships are important to students, to faculty, and to College administration. The statement below deals with the relationship as it affects the student, the faculty member, and the administration.

College of Forestry Students on the Syracuse University Campus

The College desires for its students full campus privileges at Syracuse University. It is believed that this was the aim of those who sponsored the founding of the College and it has been carried out traditionally from the time the College was founded up to the present. There seems to be no major reason why this cannot be continued in the future.

Specifically, the College wishes that its students have a sense of belonging and participating in the Syracuse University student community. It recognizes that Syracuse University can offer to forestry students a breadth of outlook and participation that tends to counteract provincialism with its consequent smugness on the one hand, or feeling of inadequacy on the other. The College, therefore, prefers that its students live in Syracuse University housing, and eat in Syracuse University dining halls. It wishes them to have full social privileges on the campus, full athletic privileges,
ROTC privileges, health service and opportunities to participate in religious services. It desires that forestry students may use the services of the BOOKSTORE, and the appointment office. It wishes them to participate in extracurricular activities, be eligible for membership in professional honorary societies and student organizations, and otherwise enjoy on the Syracuse campus the privileges provided to the general Syracuse University student body without the payment of extra fees.

The College would like to see their students listed in the Syracuse University campus directory but does not consider that this is a major point. It does consider important the privilege of using the Syracuse University library and attending Syracuse University classes for which the student is qualified. The latter must be approved by the Forestry College administration, but should be extended on the same basis to foresters as it is to any Syracuse University student.

The College wishes to perform for its students the following services which would not be duplicated at Syracuse University: admissions, registration, establishment of academic standards, student academic and professional counseling, placement of students in summer employment and permanent employment, certifying them for degrees and maintaining student discipline except in Syracuse University classrooms and dormitories.

The College of Forestry Faculty Member of the Syracuse University Campus

It is even more important to the College that its faculty enjoys Syracuse University campus privileges than its students do. Its moderately small faculty can become provincial without the stimulus of academicians in other fields of learning. Likewise the faculty needs the social contact and the cultural advantages that a large university can offer.
Specifically, the College wishes that its faculty may enjoy library privileges, the privilege of consulting and collaborating with Syracuse University faculty members on research, graduate instruction, and other academic questions. It wishes to have the privilege of calling upon Syracuse University faculty members to sit in on graduate examinations and, in turn, welcomes the opportunity for its own faculty members to sit on Syracuse University examining committees when appropriate. The College wishes that its faculty be represented in Syracuse University academic boards and committees that perform functions affecting the College such as the Board of Graduate Studies, Syracuse University Senate, Board of Deans, the Personnel Committee, and similar bodies. The College also wishes its faculty to have the privilege of contributing in such ways as each individual may, consistent with his college duties, in promoting the general welfare of Syracuse University. The College believes that it gains in strength as Syracuse University strengthens its own academic and cultural programs.

The College likes to feel that both its students and faculty are good citizens of the Syracuse University campus community and that they carry their full share of the intellectual and cultural burden of the University. The College also wishes that faculty wives enjoy the privileges of Syracuse University faculty wives and that they, too, make their contribution to the social, academic, and cultural life of the University.

The faculty greatly appreciates certain personal perquisites that are extended by Syracuse University. It recognizes that these are not essential to the College academic program and hence may be withdrawn without damage
to the instruction and research programs at the College, except insofar as these enable the College of Forestry to maintain its own faculty and to keep it contented and productive. These include the privilege of faculty members taking courses in Syracuse University without the payment of tuition, the privilege extended to dependents of faculty members to take courses, and even to earn degrees from Syracuse University; the privilege extended likewise to the dependents of College custodial and clerical workers to take courses at Syracuse University and for the workers themselves to do so without payment of tuition; the special citations and gifts for faculty members upon 25 years of service and on retirement; and the listing of faculty members in the Syracuse University directory.

The College desires to maintain its own special services to its faculty involving recruitment, appointments, determining conditions of employment, assignment of duties, evaluation, promotions, discipline, faculty organization and administration.

**College of Forestry Administration**

Historically and traditionally, the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University has been administratively and fiscally independent of Syracuse University. In part, this has been necessary because financial support was provided directly by the State and was subject to State audit and control. The College desires to maintain full administrative control over its students, their selection, admission, registration, instruction, examination, discipline, and certification for degrees. The College faculty desires to have full control over the courses of instruction, the
curriculums, the academic standards and the requirements for degrees. The College likewise wishes to have freedom within the resources available to it to decide what courses shall be taught at the College and which ones it shall send its students across campus for instruction. It recognizes that new courses should not be requested nor students withdrawn from existing classes without appropriate advance notice to Syracuse University.

The College has traditionally exercised full control over its clerical, custodial, and fiscal services, the purchase of its equipment, the assignment of student assistants, and the various other services that are available to faculty at the College. Here the College is willing and welcomes the opportunity to cooperate with Syracuse University where it is to the mutual advantage of both institutions.

The College wishes a broad statement of intent binding upon both Syracuse University and State University covering the relationships between the two institutions and specifying the machinery for negotiating day-to-day operations within this broad framework.

The College believes that its own interests may be furthered by recognizing the Dean of the College as State University representative in negotiating long and short term agreements with Syracuse University as they affect the College of Forestry. Such agreements would be subject to confirming action by the President of State University and its trustees and by College trustees. The Dean of the College should have the privilege of calling on State University counsel, College trustees and other advisors in such negotiations as needed.
The College feels that it is desirable that Syracuse University likewise name one individual to negotiate on behalf of the University with the Dean of the College as representative of State University.

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