AGENDA

• Call to Order
• CARE: Cornellians Aiding and Responding to Employees (Beth McKinney)
• Nominations & Elections Report (Fred Gouldin)
• UFC Resolution Regarding the Use of Bottled Water (David Delchamps)
• Approval of Minutes from February Meeting (Steve Beer)
• Dean of Faculty Report (the focus will be on the student experience)
• EPC Resolution Re: Work Over Breaks (Bruce Levitt)
• Report on Bridge Restrictions (Tim Marchell)
• Alcohol and Cornell Students (Kent Hubbell)
• Good and Welfare
Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty
• Patricia Johnson, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
• Stephen Morgan, College of Arts and Sciences
• Susan Suarez, College of Veterinary Medicine

Athletics and Physical Education, Faculty Advisory Committee on
• Jon Conrad, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
• Jim Maas, Chair of Petition Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
• Patrick Wright, School of Industrial and Labor Relations

Financial Policies Committee
• John Cawley, College of Human Ecology
• Ron Ehrenberg, Chair, School of Industrial and Labor Relations
• Kifle Gebremedhin, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
• Shawkat Toorawa, College of Arts and Sciences
• Mildred Warner, College of Architecture, Art and Planning

Lectures Committee
Jane Wang, College of Engineering
Music Committee
Martin Fellows Hatch, College of Arts and Sciences

Sexual Harassment Co-Investigators
Rose Loria, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Anna Marie Smith, College of Arts and Sciences

University Hearing Board
Kenneth Brown, College of Arts and Sciences
Timothy DeVoogd, College of Arts and Sciences
Tobias Hanrath, College of Engineering
Sheila Hemami, College of Engineering
Arnim Meyburg, College of Engineering
Rocco Scanza, School of Industrial and Labor Relations
Michael Tomlan, College of Architecture, Art and Planning
Frank Wayno, College of Engineering
WHEREAS the Student Assembly has passed Resolution 35, known as Take Back the Tap, which asks the university to take steps to mitigate the environmental impact of bottled water on campus; and

WHEREAS the president has signaled his intent to ask appropriate campus groups including the President’s Sustainable Campus Committee, the leadership in Cornell Dining, and the Dining and Environmental Committees of the Student Assembly to develop an action plan to address concerns raised by Resolution 35;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate commends the Student Assembly for drawing the administration’s attention to a significant environmental and health issue and requests that the President keep the faculty informed of progress toward development of an action plan.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2010 - FACULTY SENATE MEETING

MARCH 9, 2011
Student experience
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Student Experience:

Issues

• The Root of the Problem*
  Problem: not work over break, but student class scheduling and Advising
  “Faculty should make it a priority to check in with their advisees.”
  *Sun: 14 February 2011

• EPC Resolution (Chronicle of Higher Education)

• SA Resolution #40: faculty are to:
  - coordinate prelim, paper, project due dates – avoid conflicts
  - provide make-up exams at least a week away from original date
  - accommodate students in relation to classroom affairs
  - clarify when accommodation is needed
    during: high academic work loads, personal situations, extracurricular pressures.
  - develop a structure to deal with these issues

• GPSA Resolution #5:
  remind graduate advisors of the importance of clear expectations
  accommodate students under distress
Student Experience:

*Actions*

*Faculty Forum*: 6 April 3:30 – 5:00 pm  (Best practices, education and stress)
(Students, SAS, Faculty, Provost’s office)

*Provost request to Chairs* (next steps):

evaluate educational efforts to determine if some “generate
levels of stress that actually undermine our academic mission”. i.e.

- Course content and homework assignments
- Course sequencing and major requirements
- Grading practices
- Exam content, scheduling and makeup policies

*Ad hoc faculty committee?*  (Senators and non-Senators?)
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WHEREAS student workloads have become an increasing cause of concern in relation to student mental health and stress; and

WHEREAS short breaks from academic requirements are intentionally included in the academic calendar to provide rest, respite and break from schoolwork; and,

WHEREAS students are, at times, even assigned additional work over breaks.

BE IT RESOLVED, IN KEEPING WITH THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THIS ISSUE, that while students are always expected to be prepared for class, framing assignments in such a way that necessitates academic work over Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break or Spring Break is strongly discouraged. Students should be given sufficient time to carry out assignments and prepare for classes without being required to devote their breaks to such preparation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dean of the Faculty shall remind the faculty in the beginning of the semester reminder not to frame assignments that necessitate academic work over scheduled breaks.