UNIVERSITY FACULTY
SENATE MEETING

MARCH 14, 2012
AGENDA

• Call to order
• Discussion of the Potential changes to the academic calendar (Calendar committee)
• Resolution to cancel classes on the sesquicentennial of Charter Day (EPC)
• Resolution from EPC to add two student members to the committee (EPC)
• Discussion of Resolution from AFPS to amend their enabling legislation (AFPS – Peter Stein)
• Report from CAPP (Thom Cleland)
• Approval of minutes
• Discussion with candidates for Dean of Faculty - (Joseph A Burns & Risa Lieberwitz)
  • Each candidate will have 5 minutes for presentation followed by 20 minutes for alternating Q&A for candidates. At the conclusion, there will be 5 minutes for general discussion. The election will go live just following the Senate meeting.
• Comments from “students for Justice in Palestine”
• UFC Report (Abby Cohn)
• Good and Welfare (Yuval Grossman)
MARCH 14, 2012

POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR
EPC RESOLUTION
MARCH 14, 2012

EPC RESOLUTION ON THE CANCELLATION OF CLASSES,
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 FROM 8:00 AM TO 1:10 PM
TO CELEBRATE THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY
SESQUICENTENNIAL
WHEREAS the University will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the granting of its charter by the State of New York on April 27, 2015;

WHEREAS on that morning there will be a convocation, including an academic procession led by visitors from around the world, featuring speeches by President Skorton and the Governor of New York, among others;

WHEREAS, these events will involve the University community, including undergraduate and graduate students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that classes will be cancelled on Monday, April 27, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 1:10 PM to allow the University community to celebrate this historic occasion.
WHEREAS, the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) consists of nine members of the University Faculty;

WHEREAS, there are, at present, no student representatives on the EPC;

WHEREAS, the Student Assembly passed a resolution recommending, “that the Educational Policy Committee add a student representative seat to its committee to ensure that the student voice on educational policy issues in the future is heard”;

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (EPC) RESOLUTION TO ADD TWO STUDENT MEMBERS TO THE EPC MARCH 14, 2012
Whereas, the current legislation concerning the constitution and election of the EPC reads as follows:

“The Committee on Educational Policy consists of nine members of the University Faculty, appointed by the Nominations and Elections Committee, for three-year staggered terms. Insofar as possible, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall ensure that each of the undergraduate schools and colleges are represented. The Dean and Secretary of the Faculty are ex officio members and are not counted in determining the number that constitutes a quorum nor in establishing the existence of a quorum. The chair shall be selected by the Nominations and Elections Committee.”
• THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current legislation be modified as follows, with the additional language underlined:

• “The Committee on Educational Policy consists of nine members of the University Faculty, appointed by the Nominations and Elections Committee, for three-year staggered terms. Insofar as possible, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall ensure that each of the undergraduate schools and colleges are represented. Two student members (of which at least one shall be an undergraduate) with voting privileges, will be selected annually by the Staffing Committee of the Student Assembly. Reselection of a student for a second term shall be permitted. At the discretion of the Committee Chair, student members of the Committee may, on occasion, be excluded from certain discussions and from voting on certain issues. The Dean and Secretary of the Faculty are ex officio members and are not counted in determining the number that constitutes a quorum nor in establishing the existence of a quorum. The chair shall be selected by the Nominations and Elections Committee.”
DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION FROM ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND PROFESSIONAL STATUS OF THE FACULTY (AFPS) TO AMEND THEIR ENABLING LEGISLATION

PETER STEIN
1. CAPP has reviewed, and recommends approval of, a proposal to merge all concentrations within the Graduate Field of Policy Analysis and Management into a single concentration: Public Policy.

2. CAPP has reviewed, and recommends approval of, a merger between the Field of International Development and the Field of International Agriculture and Rural Development to form a new, unified graduate Field of Global Development.

The academic impact is anticipated to be minimal, as the new Field will continue to offer the same two degrees (MPS in ID, MPS in IAR) and retain the existing concentrations within each.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2012 MEETING
2012 FACULTY ELECTION

ELECTION BALLOT OPENS

MARCH 14, 2012 @ 6:00pm

AND ENDS

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012 AT 11:59AM
DISCUSSION WITH CANDIDATES FOR DEAN OF FACULTY SEAT

Candidates:

• JOSEPH BURNS
• RISA LIEBERWITZ

• Presentation - Candidates - 5 minutes presentation
• Q&A – 20 minutes of alternating questions between candidates
• General Discussion – 5 minutes
Joseph Burns, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Risa Lieberwitz, Industrial & Labor Relations
MARCH 14, 2012

“STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE”
LIBRARY PETITION
• Last May, Senate resolution to maintain the strength of the Cornell University Library system.

• Since that time, the university librarian has committed resources from the library's reserves for collection development and the President and Provost, working together with the College Deans, have made fund raising for Library collection development a priority.

• However together these are a stop-gap measure and do not sufficiently address the relative decline in collection development vis-à-vis our peers.

• The UFC plans to circulate an online petition to all faculty to highlight the importance of the library and the need for sufficient funding. To make this effective we need a very high response rate.
Subject heading: critical issue of library support

Dear fellow Cornell faculty,

The library has lost ground relative to our peers in both digital and print collection development in recent years. In 2010, among the 116 North American academic research libraries, in terms of total library expenditure, we were 43rd per faculty, 15th per student, and 35th per PhD field.
To meet the university's strategic goal of being a top ten university, it is essential to meet the library's strategic goal to "return the Library to its position among the top ten academic institutions in the Association of Research Libraries in terms of collection support." In order to do this, annual funding for collection development must match that of at least the median of the top ten research libraries each and every year. Between 2005 and 2010, the median cumulative increase for the top ten research libraries was 35.6%, whereas during that time the increase in funding for collections (digital & print) at Cornell was only 1.7%. In 2010, the median materials expenditure of top ten research libraries was $23,496,098, whereas Cornell's was $16,473,369. This $7,000,000 difference is the annual gap that needs to be filled to meet our strategic goals.
While it is significant that the library has been identified as an important fund raising initiative for the 2015 campaign (with a $15 million target with collection support as a top priority), this alone will not address the growing gap.

Please join us in signing a petition voicing our strong support for the library and the need for sufficient funding. Please sign (including your name, title, department and college) and encourage your colleagues to as well.

Sincerely,
The UFC
We, the (undersigned) faculty of Cornell University, affirm the critical importance of the library system to all aspects of Cornell’s mission.

The strength of the library system is equally important for all Cornell colleges, regardless of whether we and our students rely primarily on print or on digital materials. The library system will only become more important in years to come as the repository of more traditional forms of knowledge and as the institution for developing new forms of knowledge and scholarship in the 21st century. The hiring and long-term retention of new faculty in the coming years will depend crucially on making provisions for continued excellence of library resources to support our work.
We call on the central administration, college deans, and faculty to work together to meet the first objective of the Cornell University Library Strategic Plan (2011-2015), to "Return the Library to its position among the top ten academic institutions in the Association of Research Libraries in terms of collection support".

Name, Title, Department, College
What we need you to do

Talk to your colleagues, explain why this is important.

Let people know to expect an email about an ipetition.

Encourage people to sign and remind other colleagues to sign!

THANKS!