Resolution to change Senate meeting time
Why change the Senate meeting time?

- 48% of the faculty indicated that meeting times are stressful (2010 Faculty work-life survey)

- Meeting time often cited as a barrier to participation in the Senate

- Two out of 20 Universities including Cornell have Senate meeting times starting after 4pm (2015 search).

- September 2013: Provost and Deans agreed to establish “core meeting times” for department business (8:30-5).

- There is support from faculty of all ranks, as well as Chairs, Associate Deans, and Vice Provosts.
Resolution

Whereas the 2010 Faculty Work Life Survey indicated that the timing of departmental meetings and functions was stressful for nearly half of Cornell’s faculty members (48%);

Whereas women and underrepresented minorities are more affected by long-distance, dual-career situations and elder-care responsibilities that limit their on-campus work time;

Whereas at least three local daycare centers close at 5pm, with most others closing at 5:30pm;

Whereas there are more dual-career faculty members at Cornell than ever before;

Whereas 46% of women faculty and 16% of men who are in dual-career situations live separately for at least part of the year or commute at least a one hour from home;

Whereas the Provost, Deans and Department Chairs agreed to conduct university business at “Core Meeting Times,” between the hours of 8:30 am and 5pm to support work/life balance for all faculty;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate move its meeting to start and end within the regular university business hours of 8:30am-5pm.

Be it also resolved that the Dean of Faculty, in consultation with human resources, the registrar and the Provost or his/her representative, be charged with identifying the new senate meeting time to go into effect Fall 2015.