UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
• Call to Order – Speaker Bruce Lewenstein (2 min)
• Election of Speaker for 2015-2016 – Dean of Faculty Joe Burns
• *Approval of the May 13, 2015 Minutes as Distributed;
  *Notification of CALS Use of Professor of Practice – Speaker Lewenstein (2 min)
• Nominations & Elections Report – Associate Dean Michael Fontaine (4 min)
• Faculty Matters, Dean Joe Burns (12 min)
• Strategic Priorities, Finances, Advisory Panels - Elizabeth Garrett, President & Michael Kotlikoff, Provost (60 min)
• General Good and Welfare (10 min)
• Adjourn

*CONSENT ITEMS
CONSENT VOTE BY SENATORS

• APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2015 MINUTES

• NOTIFICATION OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES USE OF PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE TITLE
University Faculty Committee (Senator Seats) (2015-2018)
- Tom Brenna, Professor of Nutritional Sciences
- David Pizarro, Associate Professor, Psychology

University Faculty Committee Seat (Non-Senate seat) (2015-2018)
- Ross Brann, Professor of Near Eastern Studies

Referendum on Faculty Senate Meeting Time
- 2nd Wednesdays, 3:30pm-5:00pm
Nominations & Elections Committee – 3 year term (2015-2018)

- David Feldshuh, Professor of Performing and Media Arts
- Tom Fox, Professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Stephen Hilgartner, Professor of Science & Technology Studies
Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty (AFPS)
- Ritchie Patterson – Physics
- Paul Soloway – Division of Nutritional Sciences
- B. Gillian Turgeon – Plant Sciences

University Benefits (UBC)
- Matthew Evangelista – Government
- Sean Nicholson, Chair – Policy, Analysis & Management (re-appt.)

Academic Programs & Policies (CAPP)
- David Levitsky – Division of Nutritional Sciences
- Michael Tomlan, Chair – City and Regional Planning (re-appt.)
- Fred Schneider – Computer and Information Science (re-appt.)

Educational Policy (EPC)
- Nina Bassuk – Horticulture
- Ronald Harris-Warrick – Neurobiology and Behavior (re-appt.)
Faculty Advisory Committee on Tenure Appointments (FACTA)

- Cynthia Leifer – Microbiology & Immunology
- Elson Shields, Entomology
- L. Joseph Thomas, JGSM (Fall 2015)
- Martin Wells – Industrial and Labor Relations

Financial Policies (FPC)

- Lawrence Blume – Chair (Spring ‘16), Economics (re-appt.).
- Rayna Kalas – English (re-appt.)
- Ravi Kanbur, Interim Chair (Fall ‘15), Applied Economics & Mgmt. (re-appt.)

Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics & Physical Education (FACAPE)

- Rosemary Avery – Policy, Analysis & Management (re-appt.)
- Dale Grossman – Applied Economics & Management (re-appt.)
- Dexter Kozen – Computer Science (re-appt.)
- Frank Rossi, Chair – Horticulture (re-appt.)
University Lectures (UL)
- Jane Wang – Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (re-appt.)

University Faculty Library Board
- Ke (Max) Zhang, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
- Bruce Lewenstein, Interim Chair (‘15-’16) – Communication
- Barbara Lust – Human Development (re-appt.)

Music Committee
- Jumay Chu – Performing & Media Arts
- Philip Lorenz – English

Professor-at-Large Selection Committee
- David Feldshuh, Chair – Performing & Media Arts
- Steve Pond – Music (re-appt.)
- Suzanne Mettler – Government
University Hearing and Review Board
- Timothy DeVoogd, Co-Chair – Psychology (re-appt.)
- Rocco Scanza, Co-Chair – ILR (re-appt.)
- Tobias Hanrath – Chemical & Biomolecular Engr. (re-appt.)
- N. Dri Assie-Lumumba – Africana Center (re-appt.)
- Vilma Santiago-Irizarry – Anthropology (re-appt.)
- Patsy Brannon, Co-Chair – Division of Nutritional Sciences (re-appt.)
- Patrick Reed – Civil & Environmental Engr.

University Faculty Committee (UFC)
- June Nasrallah – Plant Biology (replaced Shelley Feldman)

University-ROTC Relationships Committee
- Charles Aquadro – Molecular Biology & Genetics (re-appt.)
- Thomas Michael Duncan – Chemical & Biomolecular Engr.
- Stephen DeGloria, Chair – Soil & Crop Sciences
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING

3:30  Call to Order

3:32  Election of Speaker for 2015-2016 – Joe Burns, DOF

3:34  Approval* of the May 13, 2015 Minutes, as Distributed

3:35  Notification of CALS Use of Professor of Practice

3:35  Nominations and Elections – Mike Fontaine, Associate Dean

3:39  Faculty Matters – Dean of Faculty, Joe Burns

3:50  Strategic Priorities, Finances, Advisory Panels – President Elizabeth Garrett & Provost Michael Kotlikoff

4:50  General Good and Welfare

5:00  Adjourn
Welcome and Introductions

In Memoriam, 2014-2015

Events

Faculty Lunches
Presidential Inauguration
Faculty Forum on Financial Aid

Senate Summer Activity

Divestment & Investment: Fossel Fuel Stocks
Investigation of Response to Student Protests
Proposed Policy on Romantic & Sexual Relations with Students
IN MEMORIAM
Cornell University Faculty
(2014-2015 Academic Year)

Meyer “Mike” Abrams, English, CAS
Heinz Biesdorf, PAM, CHE
Carole Bisogni, Nutritional Sciences, CHE
George Casler, AEM, CALS
Patrick Concannon, Clin. & Biomed. Sci., VET
Edmund Cranch, T&AM, ENG
Eugene Dynkin, Mathematics, CAS
Leroy Ellerbrock, Plant Pathology, CALS
Milton Esman, Government, CAS
James Eyster, Finance, SHA
Francis Fox, Animal Med., VET
Donald Fredericksen, Perf. & Media Arts, CAS
Majorie Galenson, Consumer Econ., CHE
Ephrahim Garcia, MAE, ENG
Christopher Henley, Physics, CAS

Phyllis Janowitz, English, CAS
Robert Johnston, Psychology, CAS
Judith Kellock, Music, CAS
Fred Kulhawy, CEE, ENG
Bernd Lambert, Anthropology, CAS
Robert Lambert, Horticulture, CALS
John Lumley, MAE, ENG
Phillip Marcus, English, CAS
Jay Orear, Physics, CAS
Verne Rockcastle, Sci./Envir. Educ., CALS
Harry Seeley, Food Science, CALS
Maurice Tauber, Entomology, CAS
David Thurston, Plant Pathology, CALS
Bruce Wallace, Genetics, CAS
L. Pearce Williams, History, CAS
EVENTS

Faculty Lunch

- Choice of soups plus rolls, tea/coffee
- Statler’s Regent Lounge (M->F; 11:30-1:30)
- $5/day via coupons (buy M-F in Terrace Cafe or F in Regent Lounge)
- Menu on Dean of Faculty Website

Presidential Inauguration (Friday, Sept. 18)

- Faculty Reception: 5-7 PM Thurs, Duffield.
  Please socialize!  RSVP
- Installation Ceremony, 10-12 Fri, Arts Quad
  Regalia available.  March w/your college
  Please march!  RSVP
FACULTY MATTERS

- Lunch and Entertainment, Ag Quad
  Please eat!
- “Democracy & Inequality” Academic Panel, 3 PM, Bailey
  Please attend!

Faculty Forum on Financial Aid
- How do we compare to peers?
- Need-blind. What does it cost us?
- Are we accomplishing our goals?
- October TBD; depends on speaker availability
SENATE SUMMER ACTIVITY

Divestment & Investment: Fossil Fuel Stocks
• Passed by University Assembly, 4/21
• President Skorton declines to endorse
• Annual report to Assemblies

Investigation of Cornell’s Response to Student Protests  May Senate
• Muna Ndulo, Law (chair); Charles Brittain, Classics; Paulette Clancy, Chemical 
  & Biomolecular Engineering

Proposed Policy on Romantic & Sexual Relations with Students
• Under discussion by CAFPS
• Likely October agenda item
Budget Update

Faculty Senate
September 2, 2015
Current Status

• We continue to have a central deficit: ~$25M in FY16
• We have not fully implemented the budget model and have not clearly articulated its goals
• Campus is conflating the deficit and the budget model
• Unsustainable financial aid distribution to Student and Campus Life (SCL)
• Limited central strategic flexibility
• Insufficient infrastructure investment
Goals of the Budget Model

1. Make University financial governance simpler and more transparent
2. Develop a more consistent and less individually negotiated Provost/College budgeting relationship
3. Incentivize responsible financial management and strategic decision making within Colleges and administrative units
4. Promote balanced strategic investments in University and College priorities
5. Promote long term planning and strategic investments through consistent incentives and budgeting practices
Provost’s Budget Plans

1. Articulate the goals of the budget model
2. Eliminate the deficit in the FY17 budget without imposing cuts on operating budgets
3. Control growth of administrative costs
4. Remove financial aid bill from SCL
5. Simplify financial reporting
6. Reinvest in the Colleges to support balanced budgets
7. Establish effective curriculum oversight
8. Communicate budget information early
Establishing Curriculum Oversight

Provide a university-wide perspective on Cornell’s academic programs through analysis and oversight of curricular offerings. Make recommendations about elements of a common undergraduate academic experience and/or shared educational requirements across Cornell’s undergraduate colleges.
President and Provost’s Goals

1. Focus on Academic Investment
2. Orient philanthropy toward professorships, financial aid, and fellowships
3. Continue to aggressively recruit and retain the world’s best faculty
4. Engage the campus in a strategic planning process that will inform our priorities
GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE