According to the bylaws of the university, the “...functions of the University Faculty shall be to consider questions of educational policy which concern more than one college, school or separate academic unit, or are general in nature...”

Responsibility of: Committee on Academic Programs and Policies. The Committee concerns itself with academic programs and policies which are independent of or extend beyond the single or joint jurisdiction of a school or college faculty; policies governing the use of, and plans for, university-wide academic facilities and services, such as libraries, classrooms, and computers; and proposals for new degrees (including the combination, modification or abandonment of old degrees. It reports to the Faculty Senate.

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Professor Terrence Fine, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Chair of the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, introduced a resolution to rename the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies:

   Rename the program currently called the “Floyd R. Newman Laboratory of Nuclear Studies” to the new name of “Floyd R. Newman Laboratory for Elementary-Particle Physics”.

Explanation: The current name is seriously out of date: the laboratory stopped doing nuclear physics more than thirty years ago. The current name is misleading and confuses both the funding agencies and the public. In addition, it has created bureaucratic problems when, for example, trying to obtain visas for visiting particle physicists from Russia and China.

The resolution was adopted.