

Office of the Dean of Faculty



Cornell University

FACULTY SENATE



Gayogóhó:nq' Land Acknowledgement

Cornell University is located on the traditional homelands of the Gayogóhó:nq' (the Cayuga Nation). The Gayogóhó:nq' are members of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, an alliance of six sovereign Nations with a historic and contemporary presence on this land. The Confederacy precedes the establishment of Cornell University, New York state, and the United States of America. We acknowledge the painful history of Gayogóhó:nq' dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of Gayogóhó:nq' people, past and present, to these lands and waters.

This land acknowledgment has been reviewed and approved by the traditional Gayogóhó:nq' leadership.

Welcome & Welcome Back Senators!

Faculty Senate Orientation September 2, 2026

- Who we are
- Introductions
 - Dean of Faculty
 - Associate Dean of Faculty
 - Speaker
 - University Faculty Committee
 - Senate Committee Chairs
- Faculty Senate Functions and Procedures
- Discussion & Questions

Who we are

University Faculty: 1,690 + Research-Teaching-Extension Faculty: 1,335

Emeritae/i Faculty: 775

Campuses: 3 (Ithaca, Geneva, and Cornell Tech)

Colleges and Schools: 13

Departments: 88

Senators: 135

Senate Committees: 11 + 2 working groups

Democratically Elected

Elected by Entire faculty

- **Dean of Faculty (Chris B. Schaffer)**
- **Associate Dean of Faculty (Adam T. Smith)**
- **University Faculty Committee**
 - Sets the Senate meeting agendas. Meets with the President, the Provost, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees
- **Nominations and Elections Committee**
 - Oversees the staffing of Senate committees and faculty elections.
 - Assists with the faculty staffing of Provost-based committees
- **University At-Large Senators**
- **Faculty Trustees (Tara Holm, Durba Ghosh)**

Voting Members Elected by Departments or College RTE At-Large

- **Senators**
- **Emeritae / Emeriti**
- **Cornell University Library**

Elected by the Senate

- **Speaker (to be voted on next week: Sam Nelson)**

Office of the Dean of Faculty

Dean of Faculty
Chris B. Schaffer
(Elected)

Associate Dean of Faculty
Adam T. Smith
(Elected)

Executive Staff
Assistant
Jill Short

Staff Assistant
C.A. Shugarts

CAPE Staff
Assistant
Melissa Rooklidge

University Faculty Committee
Liaison and sets the agenda for Senate meetings
9 Members (Elected)

Nominations and Elections Committee
Staffs the Senate committees and faculty elections
9 Members (6 Elected)

Faculty Senate
135 Senators

11 Senate Committees

AD WHITE AFPSF CAPP EPC FACAPE FACTA FPC LIBRARY MUSIC ROTC LECTURES

Faculty Volunteer Based System

Faculty Senate Committee Chairs

A.D. White-Professors-At-Large - Bob Weiss

University Faculty Library Board - Karim-Aly Kassam

Academic Freedom and Professional Status of Faculty - Tracy Stokol

Committee on Academic Programs and Policies – Tom Pepinsky

Educational Policy Committee – Jillian Goldfarb

Faculty Advisory Committee on Tenure Appointments – Chris Schaffer

Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics & Physical Education - Ashleigh Newman

Financial Policies Committee – Donald Kenkel

University Lectures Committee – Jenny Goldstein

University-ROTC Relationships Committee – Lee Humphreys

Committee on Music - Roger Stephen Gilbert

RTE Working Group – Kim Kopko and John Callister

Nominations & Elections Committee – Associate Dean of Faculty Adam Smith

New Legislation

Quick View

FACULTY:

- Updates to Faculty Advisory committee on Athletics and Physical Education (FACAPE) bylaws
- Establish Extension Professor track
- Create and Ad Hoc Committee to Review Cornell Policy 6.4, Faculty Handbook Section 6.6, and the Duties of the Cornell Office of Civil Rights Faculty Co-Investigator
- Recognition of collaborative scholarship in tenure and promotion
- Veterinary college department merger
- Teaching Professor in Business, Vet, A&S, Human Ecology

• ACADEMIC:

- Overuse of temporary suspensions
- Updates to the Cornell Code of Academic Integrity

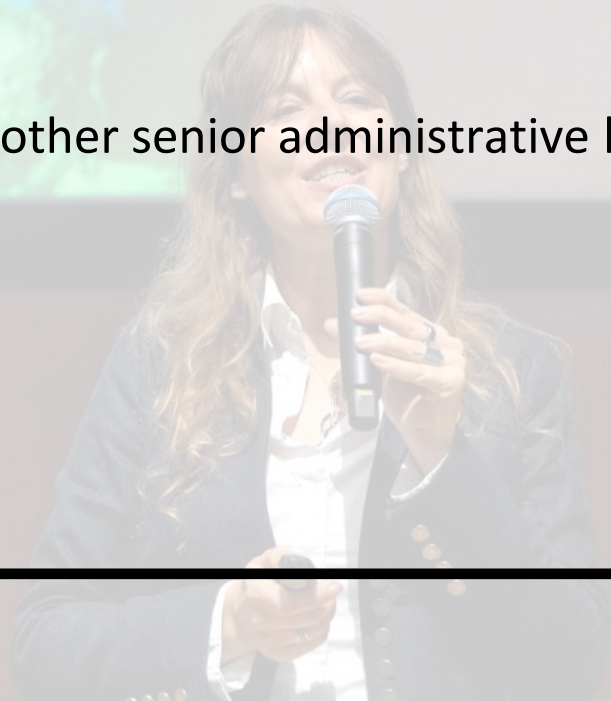
• OTHER

- Phase out Single-Use Plastics

Additional Topics

Quick View

- Institutional voice
- Academic integrity and Accepting Responsibility pilot results
- Student Code of Conduct – Use of academic and non-academic temporary suspensions
- Guidance and resources available regarding executive orders
- Generative Artificial Intelligence
- Discussion with President, Provost, other senior administrative leaders



Shared Governance

- Over the years the Faculty Senate has recommended steps that should be taken to maintain a high level of shared governance.
- **Resolution 12.** Principles of Cooperation and Consultation Between the President and Faculty Senate. (May 10, 2000)
- **Resolution 70** Report and Recommendations of the Faculty Senate Committee to review faculty governance. (March 14, 2007)
- **Resolution 87** Protocols to Ensure Faculty Governance (February 9, 2011)
- **Resolution 107** Shared Governance in Matters of Educational Policy as Required by Article 13. (April 8, 2015)
- Undergraduates students, graduate students, and employees are very much part of the picture: **Shared governance and the Assemblies**

Prior to the Faculty Senate Meeting

- The University Faculty Committee (UFC) sets the Senate meeting agenda.
- Agenda posted on the DoF website Friday before meeting.
 - Germaine comments can be posted on the agenda page.
- The agenda is circulated to the faculty in the Monday Message.
- Senators should contact the Dean of Faculty about any motions or amendments they intend to advance from the floor at the meeting.
 - This is to insure efficient use of our time.

During the Senate Meeting

- Quorum count (>50% of senators).
 - In person: Sign-up sheets
 - Zoom: Add name and department to chat
- The speaker (Sam Nelson) oversees the execution of the agenda.
 - Parliamentarians may advise on questions of procedure
 - We follow a simplified Robert's rules of order. **Here is a simplified version, Peter Stein's version, and a more detailed version.**
- **Guiding Principles:**
 - Everyone has the right to participate in discussion if they wish, before anyone may speak a second time.
 - Everyone has the right to know what is going on at all times. Only urgent matters may interrupt a speaker.
 - Only one thing (motion) can be discussed at a time.

During the Senate Meeting

- Any member of the faculty is welcome to attend and speak (2 min. limit to allow for more voices).
- Any guests should register attendance with the Office of the Dean of Faculty prior to the meeting.
- **“Good of the Order”** remarks on any subject of interest to the faculty will be in order in last 5 minutes.
 - Inform the Dean of Faculty at least one day before the Senate meeting.
 - If not used, Speaker will allocate the time to other agenda items.
- Any voting typically occurs electronically over the week after the meeting.
 - To pass: majority, with the number of votes cast at or above the quorum

After the Meeting

- Communicate with your constituency:
 - Forward meeting synopsis, with your comments, to your department
 - Schedule time and present to constituency at next department meeting
- Senators and others can post comments publicly on the meeting webpage.
- A transcript is posted in the **Senate Materials** for review and approval
- Any resolution that passes a vote of the Senate, typically done via a Qualtrics survey after the meeting, becomes part of the resolution archive.
- Pending matters and legislation are posted **publicly**.

Placing a Motion

To place a motion on the agenda of a Faculty Senate meeting, it must be endorsed in one of the following ways:

- By a Faculty Committee
- By the University Faculty Committee (UFC)
- By any 4 Faculty Senators
- By any 25 members of the Faculty

We are considering an automatic referral to committee procedure to bring substantive analysis before Senate consideration.

Motions for consideration are posted in pending legislation one week in advance.

Voting on a resolution typically takes place more than a month after the resolution is first presented.

Meeting Dates

- Meetings will be 3:30-5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month during the academic year (Meeting dates are subject to change.)
- **Hybrid Format**
- Zoom will be available; Faculty Senators will receive the zoom link to disseminate to faculty (or non-faculty guests with permission from the Office of the Dean of Faculty)
- **2026-27 Academic Year Dates in Schwartz Auditorium, Rockefeller Hall**
 - **September 9, October 14, November 11, & December 9**
 - Reserved dates: September 23, October 28 & November 18
 - **February 10, March 10, April 14, April 28 & May 12**
 - Reserved dates: February 24 and March 24

Discussion & Questions

Quick View

