



CORNELL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE



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Gayogó:nq' Land Acknowledgement

Cornell University is located on the traditional homelands of the Gayogó:nq' (the Cayuga Nation). The Gayogó: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 Gayogó:nq' dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of Gayogó:nq' people, past and present, to these lands and waters.

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

Welcome New Senators
Welcome back to returning Senators

Reception Afterward RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET
Ramin Parlor at Sage Hall

Faculty Senate Orientation

August 30, 2023

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - **Dean of Faculty**
 - **Associate Dean of Faculty**
 - **Speaker**
 - **University Faculty Committee**
 - **Senate Committee Chairs**
- **Faculty Senate Functions, Procedures, and Communication to the Units and Campuses**
- **Questions & Answers**

Who we are

University Faculty: 1,599

Research-Teaching-Extension Faculty: 1,265

Emeritae/i Faculty: 770

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

Colleges and Schools: 13

Departments: *84-ish*

Senators: 130

Senate Committees: 12 + 1 working group

Democratic Faculty Senate

Elected by Entire faculty

- **Dean of Faculty**
- **Associate Dean of Faculty**
- **University Faculty Committee**
 - Sets the Senate meeting agendas. Discusses important issues 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**

Voting Members Elected by Departments or College RTE At-Large or Designated

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

Elected by the Senate

- **Speaker**

Office of the Dean of Faculty

Dean of Faculty Eve De Rosa (Elected)	Associate Dean of Faculty Chelsea Specht (Elected)	Executive Staff Assistant Jill Short	Staff Assistant C.A. Shugarts	CAPE Staff Assistant Melissa Rooklidge
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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

12 Senate Committees + 1 Working Group

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

Faculty Volunteer Engine

New Legislation

- **ACADEMIC:**

- Cornell Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy Proposal for the Academic Title of Professor of the Practice
- Cornell Bowers College of Computing and Information Science request to adopt Research Professor title and to adopt Professor of the Practice title
- S.C. Johnson College of Business Harmonization of Tenure Clock

- **FACULTY:**

- Graded Academic Coursework
- RTE Taskforce resolution regarding Structural equity and inclusion for Research, Teaching and Extension (“RTE”) faculty
- Academic Freedom in Cornell Programs in China and other parts of the Global Hubs System

- **WELL-BEING:**

- Request that the University provide funds for a gynecologist MD at Cornell Health

Additional Topics

- **VISITORS**

- President Pollack
- Joanne DeStefano, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- David Honan, Associate Vice President of Public Safety
- Julie Edwards, Director, Skorton Center for Health Initiatives
- Christina Liang and Karen Vicks, Office of Student conduct and Community Standard

- **ACADEMIC**

- New Departments - Real Estate, Design Tech and Global Labor and Work
- RTE faculty titles: Principal Research Scientist (including Senior level) and Teaching Professor

- **STUDENT**

- Centralized testing support for student disability services accommodations
- Maintaining a Water Competency Graduation Requirement

- **COMPLIANCE**

- Academic Calendar

Shared Governance

- Over the years the Faculty Senate has recommended steps that should be taken in order 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

- Before each Senate meeting, the University Faculty Committee (UFC) meets to discuss and set the Senate meeting agenda.
- The Friday before each Senate meeting the tentative agenda is posted on the DoF website and mailed to the Senators.
 - Comments relevant to the meeting can be posted on the agenda page.
- Senators are requested to contact the Dean of Faculty about any motions that they intend to advance at the meeting.
 - This is to insure maximum use of faculty time.
- After the tentative agenda is posted it is typically modified to produce the final agenda circulated to the entire faculty in the Office of the Dean of Faculty Monday Message.

During the Meeting

- Any member of the faculty is welcome to attend a Senate meeting and speak.
- Anyone outside of the faculty or guest of the faculty interested in attending a Faculty Senate meeting (either in person or via zoom) should register their attendance to the Office of the Dean of Faculty hours prior to the meeting.
- Members are strongly encouraged to send all proposed amendments to the DoF office 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- Because of quorum, attendance needs to be taken. Physical sign-up sheets are available at the in-person meeting and zoom attendees must indicate their attendance in chat.
 - Fifty percent attendance is required for quorum.

During the Meeting

- There is a [speaker](#) who oversees the execution of the agenda. Currently the speaker is Jonathan Ochshorn.
 - The Speaker may select one or more Parliamentarians to advise him or her on questions of parliamentary law and procedure arising in the course of Faculty Senate meetings.
 - An effort is made to follow Roberts Rules. Here is a [simplified version](#), [Peter Stein's version](#), and a more [detailed version](#).
 - Non-substantive (i.e., stylistic, grammatical, or clarifying) amendments may be freely introduced at a meeting without prior circulation.
 - The speaker will rule substantive amendments out of order, but the speaker's ruling can be reversed by majority vote of the body.

During the Meeting

- Members may also move to postpone action to the next meeting if they believe a new approach deserves more timely consideration.
- The order of business of every meeting will include a brief “**Good of the Order**” section at the end of the meeting, where remarks (but not motions) on any subject of interest to the faculty will be in order.
 - Faculty members must inform the Speaker of their intention to address the Senate prior to the start of the meeting.
 - In the absence of prospective speakers, the Speaker will re-allocate the reserved time to other agenda items.
- At the discretion of the Dean of Faculty, a Senate roll call vote can be initiated at any time during a meeting.
- For the legislation or action to take effect, ballots submitted electronically over a period of one week and the number of votes cast must be at or above the level of quorum.

After the Meeting

- Fridays after the Senate meeting, a meeting synopsis is emailed the Senators to share with their department/unit faculty.
- Senators and others who did not get a chance to speak can post their comments publicly on the meeting webpage.
- A week or so after the Senate meeting, a tentative transcript is posted in the [transcript archive](#) where it can be reviewed for accuracy. It is the Zoom transcript
- 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 legislation is posted [here](#).
- After the tentative transcript/minutes are approved at a subsequent Senate meeting, the posted transcript in the [transcript archive](#) becomes “final.”

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) (on its own initiative or in response to a request by a Faculty Senate member)
- By any 4 Faculty Senators
- By any 25 members of the Faculty

Upon the recommendation of the UFC, motions that are for consideration are posted on the [pending matters](#) webpage at least one week in advance of the meeting.

It is possible to propose a motion during a Faculty Senate meeting.

The vote on a particular resolution never takes place during the meeting at which the resolution is actually presented. This rule also applies to Sense-of-the-Senate resolutions.

Meeting Dates

Meeting dates are subject to change.

All meetings are 3:30-5:00 pm and held in Schwartz Auditorium, Rockefeller Hall.

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)

2023-24 Academic Year Dates:

September 13, 2023
September 27, 2023*

October 11, 2023
October 25, 2023*

November 8, 2023
November 29, 2023*

December 13, 2023

February 14, 2024
February 28, 2024*

March 13, 2024
March 27, 2024*

April 10, 2024
April 24, 2024*

May 18, 2024
May 22, 2024*

*if needed

Discussion and Questions