

CORNELL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE



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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 New Senators
Welcome back to returning Senators

President's Reception IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD
Guerlac Room, A.D. White House

September 25, 2024

**Conversation with the Interim President
Clark Hall 700**

R.S.V.P.

3:30-4:30 (conversation)

4:30-5:30 (reception)

Faculty Senate Orientation

September 4, 2024

- **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**

Senate Committee Chairs

A.D. White-Professors-At-Large - Robert S. Weiss

Academic Freedom and Professional Status of Faculty - Tracy Stokol

Committee on Academic Programs and Policies - Mark B. Milstein (zoom)

Educational Policy Committee - Rebecca J. Nelson

Faculty Advisory Committee on Tenure Appointments – Eve De Rosa, Chair

Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics and Physical Education - Ashleigh W. Newman

Financial Policies Committee – Don Kenkel (Delegate for Chair Luis M. Schang)

University Lectures Committee - Phil Nicholson

University Library Board - Ravi Kumar Ramakrishna, ravi@math.cornell.edu

(Karim-Aly Kassam, incoming chair on 1/1/25, will attend)

Committee on Music - Roger Stephen Gilbert

University-ROTC Relationships Committee - Charles F. Aquadro

Who we are

University Faculty: 1,600 + Research-Teaching-Extension Faculty: 1,300

Emeritae/i Faculty: 775

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

Colleges and Schools: 13

Departments: 88

Senators: 135

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 Library**

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

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Faculty Volunteer Engine

New Legislation

- **ACADEMIC:**

- No graded Academic Coursework During Breaks
- Eliminate incomplete on transcript when have substituted another grade
- Discontinue posting median grades on student transcripts

- **FACULTY:**

- Structural Equity and Inclusion for Research, Teaching and Extension (“RTE”) faculty
- Establish a Teaching Professor Track
- Faculty Senate Governance of the Interim Doxxing and Expressive Activity policies
- Cornell Bowers adopt the Professor of Practice title
- Cornell Bowers adopt the Research Professor title
- Brooks adopt the Professor of the Practice title

- **STUDENT WELL-BEING:**

- Maintain a Basic Swim Competency Graduation Requirement for all Undergraduates

Additional Topics

- Course policies on recording and privacy in the classroom
- Interim Doxxing and Expressive Activity Policy
- Resource from the Generative Artificial Intelligence for Education and Pedagogy university committee
- Update on the proposed Part-time Bachelor's Degree for Non-traditional Students
- Shared Governance: Generative Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council
- Cornell Bowers Academic Integrity pilot program
- Research Integrity Council annual report
- Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) service agreement
- Local Economic Snapshot

Visitors

- **Martha Pollack**, President
- **Donica Varner**, Vice President and General Counsel
- **Michael Kotlikoff**, Provost
- **Avery August**, Deputy Provost
- **Joel Malina**, Vice President for University Relations
- **Bruce Lewenstein**, University Ombuds
- **Ben Maddox**, Chief Information Officer
- **Mark Hurwitz**, Chief Research Compliance Officer and Research Integrity Officer
- **Steve Jackson**, Vice Provost for Academic Innovation
- **Lisa Nishi**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
- **Liz Karns**, Provost's Fellow for Undergraduate Education
- **Mary Loeffelholz**, Dean of the Cornell School of Continuing Education

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

- 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 agenda is posted on the DoF website and emailed 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 efficient and maximum use of faculty time.
- The agenda is also circulated to the entire faculty in the Monday Message.

During the Meeting

- Any member of the faculty is welcome to attend a Senate meeting and speak. We request that each contribution is limited to 2 mins to allow for more voices.
- 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 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 the chat.
 - Fifty percent attendance is required for quorum.

During the Meeting

- There is a speaker who oversees the execution of the agenda. The current 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.
- After the Senate meeting, a tentative transcript is posted in the Senate Materials archive where it can be reviewed for accuracy.
- 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.
- After the tentative transcript/minutes are approved at a subsequent Senate meeting, the posted transcript 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.

Meeting Dates

All 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)

2024-25 Academic Year Dates:

- **September 11** – Kerkorian Kemper Amphitheatre @ Statler
- **October 9, November 13 & December 11** (Reserved dates: September 25 & October 23)
Schwartz Auditorium, Rockefeller Hall
- **February 12, March 12, April 9 & May 7** (Reserved dates: February 26, March 26 & April 23)
Anticipated to be held in Schwartz Auditorium, Rockefeller Hall

Discussion and Questions