

Excerpt directly related to Resolution 199 in response from Interim President Kotlikoff and Provost Bala dated February 10, 2025:

“We thank the senate for sharing their concerns as expressed in [Resolution Concerning Cornell Vice President Joel Malina’s Violations of Faculty Academic Freedom](#). Cornell is fully committed to the principles of academic freedom and free expression, as stated in the [Cornell Policy Statement on Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech and Expression](#), and has repeatedly demonstrated and articulated its commitment. We also note that the Resolution raises the question of institutional voice, that is, which roles speak for Cornell on Cornell policy. This is an important question about which Cornell currently has only informal guidelines. To develop a more principled approach to the questions around institutional voice, we are standing up a task force chaired by Jens Ohlin, the Allan R. Tessler Dean and Professor of Law at Cornell Law School, and Avery August, Deputy Provost and Professor of Immunology. The task force will aim to provide recommendations by the end of the spring semester.”