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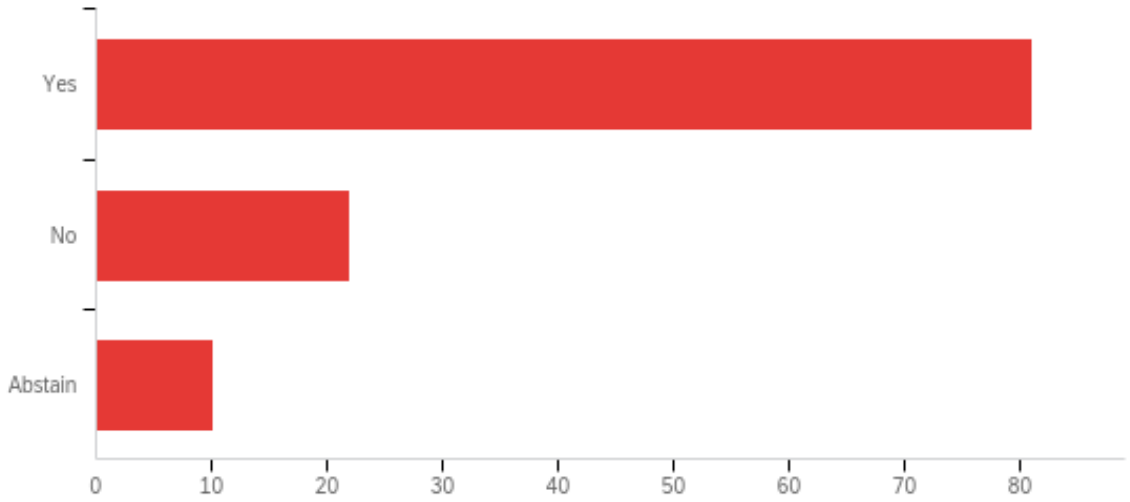
Senate Vote March 2024

Q1 - Are you in favor of the proposed resolution concerning the Faculty Senate's governance responsibility to consider and vote on the Cornell Interim Expressive Activity Policy?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	71.68%	81
2	No	19.47%	22
3	Abstain	8.85%	10
	Total	100%	113

Q16 - Comments

Comments
The policy as written is a big step away from freedom of speech and assembly. Make one wonder if it is even possible to equitably apply a policy when administrators will be sanctioning students who had no idea what sanctions might result from their actions. (Such as joining with 51 likeminded classmates to yell at the administration on the quad - oh the horror). Nor does it say what exactly the penalties might be. Thinking up penalties on the fly is a recipe for problems down the road when it is discovered that there are (inevitably) differences in how it is applied to particular cases and/or causes.
The resolution, though well-meaning, is obsolete and not constructive in forging a path ahead. 1

Two comments from my colleagues. In favor: This is a no-brainer. Faculty has to assert control over the University. Administrators should not be making decisions about freedom of expression. Not in favor: The resolution seems a bit overwrought as nothing seems new in the CU Policy. Rather the Policy just brings all of the dispirit component that already existed together across the University into one document. Also there seems to be an incomplete understanding of the responsibilities and rights of free speech. It would be nice if the resolution (and Policy for that matter) actually addressed the issue of acceptable and/or new forums to allow for "expressive activities" or discussion. The main issue seems to be the issue of "being heard" without being dismissed or ignored - ie meaningful dialogue with respect for all.

Would have preferred a more narrow resolution addressing the input of the Senate versus specific requirements; there needs to be a balance between the need to get things "done" and to have full consensus.

I'm voting to support Senate discussion of the Interim Expressive Activity Policy, with reservations. The resolution is out of date. In fact the administration has responded to debate and input, and some of the measures listed in the resolution have been revised.

I do not believe the resolution successfully made the argument that this is about educational policy or under the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate.

Many discussions had on March Senator meeting. It should take more discussions.

The resolution misses the biggest issue and that is the disruption that is going on. These disruptions are severe and we should demand the administration to be very strong against them. Instead, the resolution discuss issues that are much less important as if they are the big issue.

I fully support the resolution. t will be extremely disappointing if the Cornell Administration goes ahead and finalizes the Interim Expressive Activity policy with this much opposition. It is a reactionary policy; it makes us (Cornell) look extremely bad. It's not needed. What is needed is allowing open, free expression and upholding the right to peaceful protest without childish, unnecessary limitations (no sticks for posters, no candles, no more than 50 people, etc). Most egregious is the arrest of students and staff that are peacefully protesting. This is a dangerous slippy slope that I would have thought the Cornell Administration would have avoided, but it's now digging itself into a bigger hole of authoritarianism. President Pollack's and Kotlickoff's article in the Cornell Daily Sun was laughable - as if these student protestors are really a threat to working at Cornell.

I do not support this resolution as written

I found the university's explanation that ultimate authority for the expression policy falls under the purview of the University Assembly to be compelling, and further found the changes already made to the policy to be demonstrative of a collaborative approach with the faculty senate. Thus, I find this policy to be potentially antagonistic, and not sufficiently conducive to obtaining the improvements we seek.

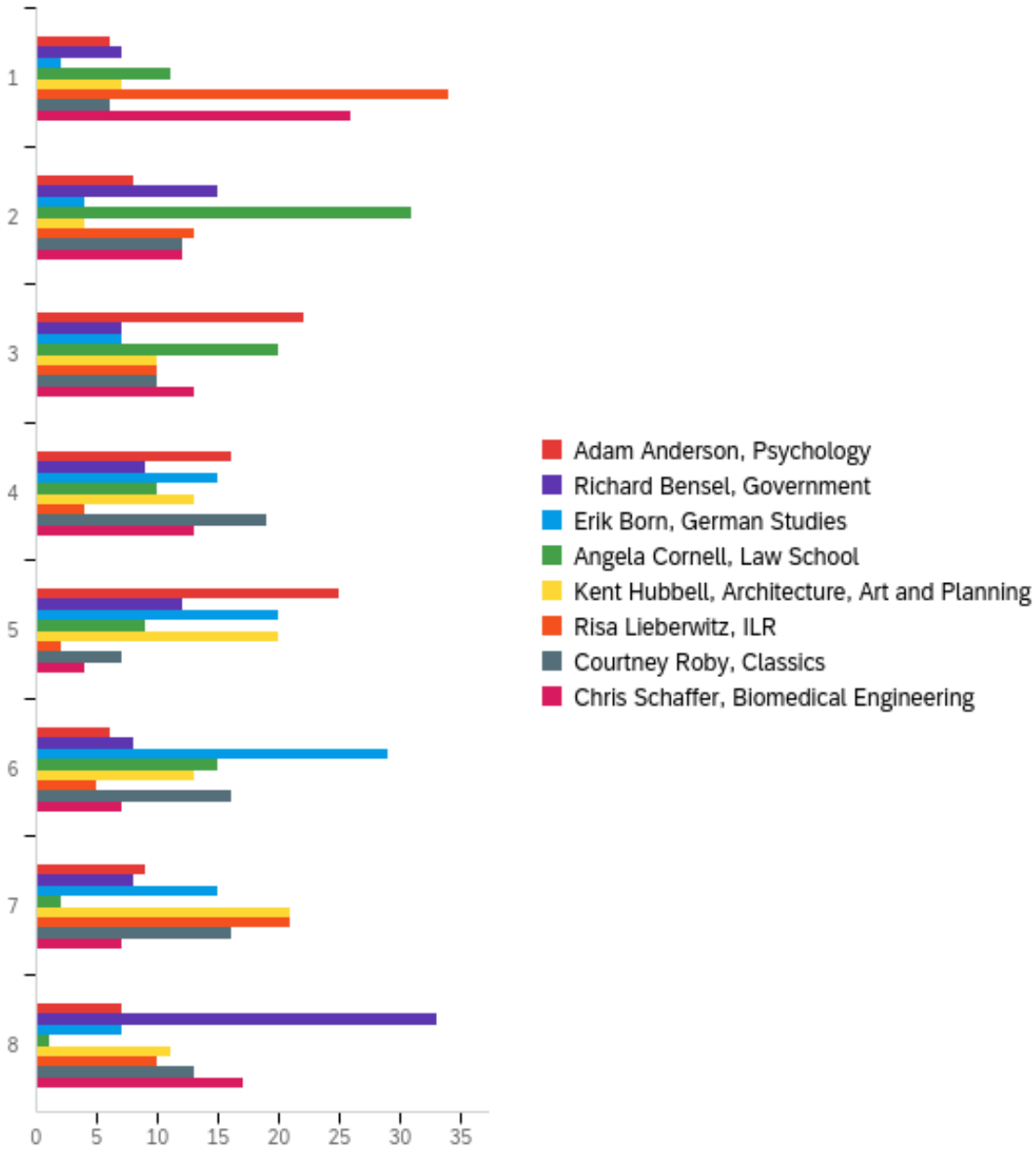
I think that, involving Senate in the development of the policy is crucial to the legitimacy of the process and eventually for the policy adopted..

I missed the opportunity to sign on as a cosponsor but I am absolutely in favor of the resolution.

The proposed resolution focuses on process and makes an assumption that when it comes to expressive activity, "anything goes". It ignores the fact that many community members are feeling harassed and scared by such activity. I think there is room for certain regulations that allow expressive activity to take place without putting community members, specifically individuals from certain groups, at a position of fear.

I support the role of faculty in crafting this-

Q13 - Please rank your preference for the following Senators to represent the Faculty Senate on the review committee for the Interim Expressive Activity Policy: [1= top choice, 8= bottom choice]



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1	Adam Anderson, Psychology	1.00	8.00	4.36	1.84	3.40	99
2	Richard Bensel, Government	1.00	8.00	5.27	2.49	6.20	99
3	Erik Born, German Studies	1.00	8.00	5.31	1.60	2.56	99
4	Angela Cornell, Law School	1.00	8.00	3.33	1.75	3.05	99

5	Kent Hubbell, Architecture, Art and Planning	1.00	8.00	5.15	2.00	3.99	99
6	Risa Lieberwitz, ILR	1.00	8.00	3.77	2.72	7.41	99
7	Courtney Roby, Classics	1.00	8.00	4.88	2.15	4.63	99
8	Chris Schaffer, Biomedical Engineering	1.00	8.00	3.92	2.58	6.68	99

Q12 - Comments

Comments
We need a consensus-builder for this position, not an antagonist or a headline-seeker.
I only “know” Rosa and Bensel. They are my top 2 choices. All others are non votes
Risa Lieberwitz and Richard Bensel are unacceptable candidates. The public statements from these individuals in faculty senate meetings indicate an inability to objectively serve the interests of the faculty as a whole in an unbiased fashion.
Ranking senators to represent the Faculty Senate would be made easier if there were statements included by the senators as to why they believe they would best serve on this committee.
These 8 faculties are from different colleges who can represent the Faculty Senate on the review committee for the interim expressive activity policy. I rank them all top choice.
We always hear from Dr Lieberwitz and Bensel. So please find some other voices.
Risa Lieberwitz.....1 Angela Cornell.....2 Adam Anderson.....3
I want to rank Risa first but I'm having trouble making this work on my computer.
Faculty on the committee should not be those who proposed the resolution, as they have a bias toward it.
How many Senators will serve on this committee? It would seem to me that eight is already a minimum number.