

University Faculty Senate Meeting

April 8, 2009

AGENDA

- Call to Order by Speaker Steven Beer
- Presentation/Discussion about open access for scholarly journal articles: John Hermanson, Library Board and guest, Professor Stuart M. Shieber* from Harvard. (17 minutes)
- Report from UFC: Dennis Miller (3 minutes)
- Approval of Minutes of the March 11, 2009 Senate Meeting (2 minutes)
- Dean of the Faculty Report: Bill Fry (3 minutes)
- Report from Nominations and Elections Committee: Brad Anton (3 minutes)
- Strategic Planning: Provost Kent Fuchs (30 minutes)
- Resolutions on the academic calendar: Georg Hoffstaetter (27 minutes)
- Good and Welfare (5 minutes)

*Professor Stuart M. Shieber (<http://www.eecs.harvard.edu/shieber/>) is the James O. Welch, Jr. and Virginia B. Welch Professor of Computer Science and Director, Office for Scholarly Communication (<http://osc.hul.harvard.edu/osc.php>) at Harvard University. He will discuss scholarly communications issues and Harvard's implementation of their recently passed (February 12, 2008) open access policy. Under this policy, The Harvard Faculty of Arts & Sciences faculty granted the University permission to make their scholarly articles freely and openly available. He also consulted with the MIT Faculty Ad-hoc Committee on Open Access Publishing to make their scholarly articles freely and openly available to the entire world (<http://www.bitsbook.com/2009/03/mit-adopts-an-open-access-policy/>) and (<http://web.mit.edu/fnl/volume/212/abelson.html>).

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ON
OPEN ACCESS FOR SCHOLARLY
JOURNAL ARTICLES**

**John Hermanson, Library Board and
Guest: Professor Stuart M. Shieber,
Harvard University**

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REPORT FROM UFC

Dennis Miller

April 8, 2009

Report from University Faculty Committee

- American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment Implementation Committee (PCCIC)
 - Signed by President Skorton in Feb. 2007
 - Commits Cornell to achieving climate neutrality as soon as possible

Questions

- How will this commitment affect
 - Our teaching?
 - Our research?
 - Our outreach?
 - Our daily commute?
 - Our travel to meetings?
 - The university budget?
- What has been accomplished so far?

Climate Action Plan Updates

GHG Inventory Summary

4 required Inventory Components for the PCC

On-site Fossil Fuels

Heating over 14 million Gross Square Feet
176,000 metric tons (55%)



Purchased Electricity

Over 230 million kwh
87,000 metric tons (27%)



Commuting


Over 3 million gallons of gasoline
29,000 metric tons (9%)



Air Travel

Over 40 million miles
27,000 metric tons (8%)



Total Footprint: 319,000 metric tons 

Climate Action Plan

- **A target date for achieving climate neutrality.**
- **Interim targets.**
- **Actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experience for all students.**
- **Actions to expand research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality.**

Agenda Item for May 13 Meeting

- Presidents Climate Commitment Implementation Committee Report
 - Tim Fahey, Professor of Natural Resources
 - Kyu Whang, VP Services & Facilities

DEAN OF FACULTY REPORT

Bill Fry

April 8, 2009

Comments from Bill Fry

Report:

- Median Grades on Transcripts.
(all members of a class treated similarly)
- Impact of FY10 budget reductions
(Provost Fuchs)
- President Response to Senate Resolution
(press release)

- Faculty Governance:
UFC/Faculty Committee on Governance
“Consultation” is important – common definition?

... “In keeping with the spirit of the resolution recently passed by the Faculty Senate on this matter, information regarding the purpose, justification, funding and status of projects will be available for public review at [CUinfo](#). The new link, prominently featured under “Budget Communications,” will provide access to a database regarding decisions on specific capital projects as they occur. a description of each project, an approval justification, funding and status information. ... updated as new capital projects are approved.”

Confidential draft to be released on 9 or 10 April 2009

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President Response to Senate Resolution

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**REPORT FROM NOMINATIONS
& ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

Brad Anton

April 8, 2009

Academic Freedom & Professional Status of the Faculty

Joel Baines, Vet.

Academic Programs and Policies Committee

Fred Schneider, Engr.

Employee CARE Fund

Bonnie MacDougall, AAP

SLATE OF CANDIDATES
(All terms commence July 1, 2009)

ASSOCIATE DEAN AND SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

Frederick Gouldin, Professor, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

AT-LARGE MEMBER, FACULTY SENATE (tenured) – 2 vacancies, 3 year terms

Robert Bertoia, Associate Professor, Art

Michael King, Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering

Helene Marquis, Associate Professor, Microbiology & Immunology

Simone Pinet, Associate Professor, Romance Studies

AT-LARGE MEMBER, FACULTY SENATE (untenured) – 1 vacancy, 3-year term

Christopher Anderson, Assistant Professor, Hotel Administration

Margaret Bynoe, Assistant Professor, Microbiology & Immunology

Jens Ohlin, Assistant Professor, Law

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – 2 vacancies, 3-year terms

Daniel Decker, Professor, Natural Resources

Richard Harrison, Professor, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Ellis Loew, Professor, Biomedical Sciences

S. Leigh Phoenix, Professor, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

UNIVERSITY FACULTY COMMITTEE – 3 vacancies, 3 year terms

Eric Cheyfitz, Professor, English

David Delchamps, Associate Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering

David Lipsky, Professor, Industrial & Labor Relations

William Olbricht, Professor, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Provost Kent Fuchs

April 8, 2009

**RESOLUTIONS FROM
EDUCATIONAL POLICY
COMMITTEE ON THE
ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Georg Hoffstaetter

April 8, 2009

Resolutions from the EPC

1. **Whereas** orientation for new students in the fall semester will conclude on Tuesday, **Be it resolved** that Classes start on the following Wednesday of the fall semester.

If 1. passes, the following will be submitted

2. **Whereas** classes will start on Wednesday of the fall semester, **Be it resolved** that the fall semester be lengthened by one day.

If 2. is defeated, the following will be submitted

3. **Whereas** classes will start on Wednesday of the fall semester, **Be it resolved** that there be no classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break.

If 3. is defeated, the following will be submitted

4. **Whereas** classes will start on Wednesday of the fall semester, **Be it resolved** that there will be no classes on Labor Day. Wednesday after orientation.

If 4. is defeated, the fall semester will be lengthened by one day.

Recommendation by the EPC

The EPC was specifically asked by the Dean of the Faculty to submit a recommendation.

We therefore voted and the majority recommends the following:

Take the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off, mostly because

- (a) Students need more time to travel home.
- (b) The importance of family time for the student's psychological health had been pointed out by respondents.
- (c) When a Wednesday is added, and a Wednesday is taken off, class schedules are least disturbed.
- (d) Lab classes already do not meet in the Thanksgiving week and are thus not disturbed.

These motivations are summed up by:

“I believe you have to lead or manage by a set of principles. The student comes first.” *(David J. Skorton, The Miami Herald, March 9)*

The concern of student health and student education should therefore have precedence over advantages for faculty families.

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The EPC was specifically asked by the Dean of the Faculty to submit a recommendation.

The minority opinion was to take Labor day off, mostly because

- (a) Child care is hard to find on this national holiday.
- (b) Labor day is an important national holiday, particularly in NY state.
- (c) Classes are hard to teach when support staff has this day off.
- (d) This change does not impact the payroll of employees.
- (e) Adding a full Wednesday is not compensated by taking the half Wednesday before Thanksgiving off.

The EPC vote was 3 for taking the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off, 2 against, and 1 abstained.

Resolution 1.

Whereas orientation for new students in the fall semester will conclude on Tuesday,

Be it resolved that classes start on the following Wednesday of the fall semester.

Resolution 2. (because 1. was accepted)

Whereas classes will start on
Wednesday of the fall semester,

Be it resolved that the fall semester
be lengthened by one day.

Resolution 3. (because 2. was defeated)

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Resolution 4. (because 3. was defeated)

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