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# **UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**September 8, 2010**



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# AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Report from Nominations & Elections (Fred Gouldin) – 2 minutes
- Report from CAPP Committee (Thom Cleland) – 2 minutes
- Approval of Minutes from May 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting – 2 minutes
- Resolution Concerning the Cornell Child Care Center (Steve Morgan) – 20 minutes
- Discussion Concerning Academic Integrity and Admissions (Carl Franck) – 10 minutes
- Resolution Concerning Timely Response to Faculty Resolutions (Harry Lawless & William Lesser) – 10 minutes
- Report from University Faculty Committee (Eric Cheyfitz) – 3 minutes
- Report from Dean of Faculty Bill Fry – 3 minutes
- Good and Welfare – 7 minutes

Adjournment at 5:30 p.m.



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# **NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS REPORT**

**FRED GOULDIN**

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- **REPORT FROM NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

Academic Freedom & Professional Status of the Faculty Committee

Jerry Hass, Chair, JGSM (reappointed)

Carl Hopkins, CALS

Academic Programs and Policies Committee

Thom Cleland, Chair, A&S

Qi Wang, CHE

Jon Parmenter, A&S

Elliot Shapiro, A&S (reappointed)

Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics & Physical Education

Paul Bowser, VET

Andrea Simitch, AAP

Brad Bell, ILR



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- **N&E REPORT (Cont'd)**

Financial Policies Committee

Amy McCune, CALS

Tom DiCiccio, ILR

Joe Burns, ENGR.

Library Board Committee

Mark Conostas, CALS

Chris Earls, ENGR.

Rebecca Harris-Warrick, A&S (reappointed)

John Hermanson, VET (reappointed)

Nerissa Russell, A&S (reappointed)

North Campus & Collegetown Committee

Michel Louge, ENGR.

Jack Muckstadt, ENGR.

Anthony Hay, CALS

Sandra Greene, A&S



## REPORT FROM CAPP

*Proposal: Change field name from “Textiles” to “Fiber Science & Apparel Design”*

- **A solid majority of CAPP was in favor of the field name change proposed by Textiles, and there was no opposition.**
- **CAPP approves the field name change.**



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# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

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## **Resolution on Recommendations for the Cornell Child Care Center for Consideration at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Faculty Senate**

**WHEREAS** the Dean of the Faculty appointed an ad hoc committee to analyze the challenges facing the Cornell Child Care Center, as set forth in the resolution passed by the Faculty Senate on March 10, 2010,

**WHEREAS** a detailed report was prepared by the appointed ad hoc committee, shared in draft form with the University Faculty Committee on August 4, 2010, and then submitted in final form to the Dean of the Faculty on August 31, 2010.

**WHEREAS** a redacted version of the submitted report, omitting some confidential information, has been distributed to the Faculty Senate.

**WHEREAS** the report details management problems with the Cornell Child Care Center, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate recommends that the President implement the primary recommendations of the ad hoc committee, which are to





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## Resolution on Recommendations for the Cornell Child Care (continued)

- Give notice to Bright Horizons Family Solutions that Cornell intends to terminate its contract for service in August of 2011,
- Develop and release a new Request for Providers by January 1, 2011,
- Improve the quality of care in a budget-neutral manner by reducing the management costs and introducing a sliding scale for tuition,
- Appoint a seven-member Advisory Board, chaired by a senior administrator, and consisting of four faculty (two with expertise in child development and two with expertise in management) as well as three representatives of non-academic units of the university, and
- Enhance the University's capacity to use the center for recruitment and retention of faculty and staff by increasing the quality of the center and by giving the Provost control over the allocation of a small fraction of the slots at the center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate requests that the President indicate by November 1, 2010, through a letter to the University Faculty Committee, whether he will implement these recommendations.



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# **DISCUSSION CONCERNING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND ADMISSIONS**

**CARL FRANCK**

**September 8, 2010**



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## Resolution to Include Agreement to Abide by the Academic Integrity Code as a Requirement for Matriculation into Cornell's Undergraduate Degree Programs

**Whereas**, as a center of learning and inquiry, Cornell is proud of its *Code of Academic Integrity*, (<http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/Academic/AIC.html>) but continues to suffer significantly from violations of the Code.

**Therefore**, in an effort to increase awareness of the Code, and better establish it as a part of Cornell identity, the Senate resolves, following consultation with the Advisory Committee of the Associate Provost of Admissions and Enrollment, that acceptance of the Code should be a requirement for matriculation into Cornell's various undergraduate degree programs. Specifically, a student's affirmation of acceptance of Cornell's offer of admission should include language stating that the student will abide by the Code.

Submitted by:

Carl Franck, Senator, Physics

Terrill Cool, Senator, Applied & Engineering Physics

Ephraim Garcia, Senator, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Linda Nicholson, Senator, Molecular Biology & Genetics

Shawkat Toorawa, Senator, Near Eastern Studies



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## **MOTION TO REQUEST FORMAL RESPONSE TO FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – CALS FACULTY SENATE**

**WHEREAS** all of Cornell University is undergoing a profound reimagining process which requires the full informed commitment of all the University community, and

**WHEREAS** the Organizational Stewardship Task Force report emphasizes the importance of shared governance and collaborative decision making with a commitment to open communication and transparency, and

**RECOGNIZING** that the feedback loop from faculty to the several levels of administration remain unclear to the extent that there is no evident mandate for an administration response to faculty standing committee resolutions and recommendations nor is there a readily accessible source for follow-up information on recommendations made and actions taken or not, and further

**RECOGNIZING** that final decision making authority at Cornell University resides with the Board of Trustees, the President, the Provost and the deans and their designees as delineated in the University charter and other applicable documents, and moreover



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## **MOTION TO REQUEST FORMAL RESPONSE TO FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – CALS FACULTY SENATE (continued)**

**RECOGNIZING** that standing faculty committees' decisions and recommendations are to be interpreted as recommendations to University or college level administrators as indicated by the nature of the recommendation, then let it be

**RESOLVED** that when a representative faculty committee (such as the Faculty Senate of the University or a College) makes a recommendation they will identify the recipient who is expected to respond (such as the official who constituted a committee)\*. The recipient individual or his/her designee should send a formal response within 30 days indicating whether the recommendation was accepted or rejected in whole or in part, with a justification for the decision reached. The recommendations, responses and explanations should be posted within 30 days to a newly-created web page accessible by the university community to contain all committee recommendations submitted, together with the decisions made and justifications for those decisions.

***\*The faculty realizes that some committee decisions may involve personal or sensitive information, such as tenure decisions, and thus are exceptions to this expectation for a public response and disclosure.***



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## **AMENDED MOTION TO REQUEST FORMAL RESPONSE TO FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – CALS FACULTY SENATE (continued)**

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**RESOLVED** that when a representative faculty committee (such as the Faculty Senate of the University or a College) makes a recommendation they will identify the recipient who is expected to respond (such as the official who constituted a committee)\*. The recipient individual or his/her designee should send a formal response within **45 days** indicating whether the recommendation was accepted or rejected in whole or in part, with a justification for the decision reached. The recommendations, responses and explanations should be posted within **45 days** to a newly-created web page accessible by the university community to contain all committee recommendations submitted, together with the decisions made and justifications for those decisions.

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# **REPORT FROM UFC**

**ERIC CHEYFITZ**

**September 8, 2010**



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# **DEAN OF FACULTY REPORT**

**BILL FRY**

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## Calendar Committee

Jeff Doyle (Plant Biology) (chair)

Kent Hubbell (Dean of Students)

Michael Matier (IRP)

SA representative

GPSA representative

Staff representative

2-3 additional faculty

Brown (VP, ex officio)

Bill Fry (DoF, ex officio)

Draft Charge: “*Recommend a course of action concerning Cornell’s calendar that will be academically appropriate, that will not exacerbate student stress, that will align more closely with the calendars of local schools, and that will honor federal holidays as is academically possible.*”



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# **GOOD AND WELFARE**

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