

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND POLICIES REPORT
(THOMAS CLELAND, CHAIR)
OCTOBER 9, 2013

CAPP reviews academic programs and policies that extend beyond the jurisdiction of a single school or college.

On behalf of the Senate, CAPP also has:

- reviewed proposed distance learning programs utilizing eCornell (May 2012)
- reviewed applications for utilization of the *Clinical Professor* title (according to Sept 2002 Senate legislation) by the Veterinary College, Johnson School, and Hotel School (Sept 2011 – present)
- agreed to no longer require redundant CAPP review of programs wholly contained within the Graduate School (May 2012). Programs spanning multiple units still will be reviewed by CAPP.



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On behalf of the Senate, CAPP also has:

- acted as a broad-based advisory committee to an *ad hoc* committee charged with studying the possible formation of a School of Public Policy (April 2012; Rosemary Avery, *chair*)
- acted as a broad-based advisory committee to the Provost's MOOC Advisory Committee (Feb 2013). Presently this is the charge of the Senate's DLC (Distance Learning Committee).
- acted as a broad-based advisory committee re Cornell Tech proposal development (March-December 2011), faculty governance and appointments (Sept 2011, April 2012), and programs and degrees (May 2012, Oct 2012). Presently this is the charge of the Cornell NYC Tech Executive Committee.



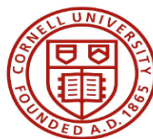
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Questions have arisen regarding faculty tenure policies at Cornell NYC Tech, which I have been asked to address.

CAPP has not been directly engaged with Cornell Tech development since October 2012, when we presented a resolution to the Senate to approve an MS degree in information systems as a dual degree with the Technion.

Policy statements regarding tenure and governance are available online, and largely follow the options recommended by CAPP in September 2011.


To date, it is my understanding that all professorial-rank faculty positions at Cornell Tech are tenured/tenure-track, and hence based in Ithaca departments.



<https://www.cornell.edu/provost/cornell-tech-faculty/>

Cornell NYC Tech
Executive Committee

Five policy documents:
25 March 2013

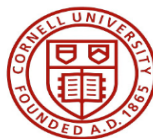
Overview	Cornell NYC Tech Faculty
Academic Priorities and Interest to Faculty	Since the announcement a little over one year ago, Cornell NYC Tech has continued to take shape. A recent overview of the campus academic planning can be found here (pdf). The first matriculates to the campus for the Computer Science Master of Engineering Degree are beginning classes this spring! Additionally, faculty searches in the core disciplines (Computer Science, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Information Science, Operations Research & Information Engineering and Johnson School) continue to draw interest from outstanding candidates. We hope to be announcing new faculty hires this spring.
Open Searches	
Academic Leadership	
About the Provost	Starting this past fall, the executive committee of the Cornell NYC Tech campus, co-chaired by Lance Collins and Dan Huttenlocher, with members Kent Fuchs, Laurie Glimcher, John Siliciano, Eva Tardos, Soumitra Dutta, Kent Kleinman, Alan Mathios and Barb Knuth, has drafted five documents that outline the structure of the academic programs, administration, and the relationships between the campuses. These documents are now being shared with the university faculty and senior administrative staff for further review and comments.
History of Cornell's Provosts	We ask that you email your comments to CornellTechFaculty@cornell.edu by February 28, 2013. The executive committee will consider your comments in finalizing the documents. The finalized documents will be posted on an open web site later this spring.
Contact	
Downloads	
 Provost Org Chart	
Related Information	Operating Procedures for Cornell NYC Tech
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ University Statements▪ Cornell Strategic Plan▪ Reading Project▪ Faculty Highlights▪ Student Highlights▪ The Medical Provost	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Procedures and Guidelines for Cornell NYC Tech Faculty Appointments (pdf) - this document discusses all aspects of faculty appointed to the Cornell NYC Tech campus for either full time or fractional appointments.2. Procedures and Guidelines for Ithaca Faculty engaged with the Cornell NYC Tech Campus (pdf) - this document discusses all aspects of Cornell faculty with Ithaca appointments who may be engaged in teaching or research activities on the Cornell NYC Tech campus.3. Procedures and Guidelines for Masters Degree Programs on the Cornell NYC Tech Campus (pdf) - this document discusses all academic and administrative aspects of Masters degrees offered on the Cornell NYC Tech campus.4. Procedures and Guidelines for PhD Fields at Cornell NYC Tech (pdf) - this document discusses academic and administrative aspects for PhD programs with students that are supervised by faculty on the Cornell NYC Tech campus.5. Procedures and Guidelines for New Programs on the Cornell NYC Tech campus (pdf) - this document discusses the process for proposing new programs on the Cornell NYC Tech campus.

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Tenured/tenure-track faculty at Cornell Tech will be members of Ithaca-based departments, and may be members of graduate fields. Tenure is granted through the Ithaca-based department and its corresponding dean. Policy dictates that the tenure review process also include representatives from the Cornell NYC Tech campus.

Sponsored research, space allocation, teaching responsibilities, and public engagement will be administered at Cornell Tech.

The responsibilities of joint-appointed faculty will be negotiated.



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The boundaries of Senate governance and jurisdiction are unclear.

- August 2011: CAPP was notified of the planned merger of multiple Economics units at Cornell (from multiple colleges) into a single department. CAPP's request for information about this process was denied.
- December 2011-July 2012: CAPP received a proposal for a university-wide business minor coordinated among CALS, Hotel, the Johnson, and ILR. CAPP requested several clarifications and changes to the proposal, which were not received. Repeated attempts to contact the proposal authors were ignored. This program was implemented in Fall 2012 without Senate review.



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- Do programs jointly administered between one Cornell unit and one or more external (non-Cornell) units fall under Senate/CAPP jurisdiction in the sense that programs administered by two or more Cornell units do?
 - Cornell Tech / Technion
 - Cornell Tech / other future collaborators
 - Johnson / PBC School of Finance at Tsinghua University (PR China)
 - Hotel / China Europe International Business School (PR China)
- MOU of CAPP/Senate role wrt the Graduate School (31 May 2012):
Proposals for degree program creation, modification, or discontinuance for degree programs that involve the Graduate School and another Cornell (or non-Cornell) college or school should be handled by the General Committee of the Graduate School and then move to CAPP/Faculty Senate.



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SUMMARY

- CAPP has served in several off-label capacities as a broadly-based advisory committee, in addition to its chief role of reviewing cross-college academic programs and policies.
- CAPP requests Senate guidance regarding its charge and process in ambiguous or difficult circumstances regarding jurisdiction.
- The Senate may wish to discuss with the administration its interest and role in faculty governance regarding Cornell NYC Tech.

