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Shared governance is the process by which Cornell University's faculty share in the important decisions affecting us, our students, and the future direction of Cornell University. Given recent economic stresses and the addition of many much needed non-academic administrative services, some feel that the role of a Faculty Senate is out dated or even interferes with the processes of a modern university. One need only read the Resolution from the committee to review faculty governance (<http://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/>) to see that this is not the case. The philosopher David Hume said that "It is seldom that liberty of any kind is lost all at once." What we need are Faculty Senators who feel that the Senate is relevant and will keep it involved. I would be honored to be one of those Senators.