

DEAN OF FACULTY REPORT BILL FRY

FEBRUARY 9, 2011

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Paul Sawyer, English
“legendary course in Politics and
Culture



Robert Thorne, Physics
curricular innovations



Robert Smith , ILR
brilliant teacher and mentor



Harry Greene,
EEB, Non-majors Bio,
“ with passion and joy”

Nominations due: 4 March 2011

**STATUS OF FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTIONS
2010-2011**

1. CHILD CARE RESOLUTION	
DATE PASSED	9/28/2010
REFERRED TO	PRESIDENT DAVID SKORTON
RECOMMENDATION DUE	11/1/2010
RECOMMENDATION MADE	11/8/2010
CHILD CARE RESOLUTION RESPONSE	http://www.theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/pdfs/childcardec.pdf
2. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CU MATRICULATION	
DATE PASSED	10/13/2010
REFERRED TO	VICE PROVOST BARBARA KNUTH
RECOMMENDATION DUE	12/17/2010
RECOMMENDATION MADE	12/20/2010
ACAD. INT. & CU. MATRICULATION RESPONSE	http://www.theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/pdfs/RESDECISION122010.pdf
3. FACULTY LUNCH RESOLUTION	
DATE PASSED	11/10/2010
REFERRED TO	PROVOST KENT FUCHS
RECOMMENDATION DUE	12/24/2010
RECOMMENDATION MADE	1/19/2011
FACULTY LUNCH RESOLUTION RESPONSE	http://www.theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/pdfs/FACULTYLUNCHRES-PROVOSTRESPONSE.pdf
4. INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP APPROACHES TO A CLIMATE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY	
DATE PASSED	12/8/2010
REFERRED TO	VICE PROVOST LAURA BROWN
RECOMMENDATION DUE	2/1/2011
RECOMMENDATION MADE	1/26/2011
CLIMATE ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY RESPONSE	http://www.theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/pdfs/CLIMATEAI.pdf
5. RESOLUTION ON CORNELL PURCHASING A UNIVERSITY-WIDE LICENSE FOR TURNITIN	
DATE PASSED	12/8/2010
REFERRED TO	VICE PROVOST LAURA BROWN
RECOMMENDATION DUE	2/1/2011
RECOMMENDATION MADE	1/26/2011
TURNITIN RESOLUTION RESPONSE	http://www.theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/pdfs/TURNITINRESPONSE.pdf

From: Barbara A Knuth
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 10:49 PM
To: William Earl Fry
Cc: Jason C. Locke; Sarah S Hale; Stephanie Beery; Nelson E Roth
Subject: FW: Academic Integrity & CU Matriculation resolution
Attachments: 2011 EDP ACCEPT FR BK.docx; EDP welcome ltr 11 BK.docx; 2011 TR SPRING ACCEPT BK.docx

Dear Bill,

As requested, I am writing to report on the response to the Faculty Senate's resolution on Academic Integrity and Cornell matriculation.

At the undergraduate level, which was the focus of the resolution, we have added new wording to each of the following types of documents, as shown in highlighting on the attached:

- Early Decision Admission Letter
- Early Decision Welcome Letter – Freshman
- Spring 2011 Transfer Admission Letter

We will replicate this process for Regular Decision and Fall 2011 Transfer letters and beyond.

At the graduate level, not addressed in the resolution, we added new wording of "Please note that by accepting our offer of admission, you are acknowledging that you will adhere to Cornell University's Code of Academic Integrity" to the online response-to-admission form, and in field-specific letters offering admission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, and happy holidays,

Barb

Early Decision Freshman Admission Letter

December 9, 2010

«Effdt_Primary_First_Name» «Middle_Initial». «Effdt_Primary_Last_Name»
«Effdt_Primary_Name_Suffix»
«Address1»
«Address2»
«Address3»
«City», «State» «Postal» «Country1»

Dear «Effdt_Primary_First_Name»:

Congratulations! The admissions selection committee in the «Admit_Prog» has approved your early decision application to Cornell University for the fall of 2011. I am delighted to share this wonderful news with you and to welcome you to the Cornell community.

Cornell's admission selection process was especially competitive this year given the academic strength and outstanding personal qualities of the students who applied for primary and alternate choice admission. Thus we are particularly pleased to extend this offer of admission to you. Even more, we are excited to welcome you to Cornell's Sesquicentennial Class.

Cornell University marks its Sesquicentennial in 2015. As a member of the Class of 2015, you will join us in celebrating 150 years of rich heritage shaped by Ezra Cornell's revolutionary vision: "I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study." Further, you will become part of a dynamic living and learning community committed to fostering personal discovery and growth, nurturing scholarship and creativity, and engaging and enriching the human spirit of women and men from around the world. I look forward to having you join with the students and faculty here who, together, contribute to the tradition of excellence, intellectual ingenuity, and diversity that has always distinguished Cornell University.

We will reserve a place in the class for you when we receive your completed acceptance coupon and enrollment deposit. Please note that by accepting our offer of admission, you are acknowledging that you will adhere to Cornell University's Code of Academic Integrity. Our offer of admission is also continuing to uphold high standards of character in activities outside the classroom.

I also am pleased to let you know that you will be invited to join us for Cornell Days, a program in mid-April designed specifically for students who have been admitted to Cornell. Additional information about this program will be mailed to you in the spring.

Congratulations again on your admission to Cornell University. I trust that your Cornell experience will be academically rewarding and personally enriching.

With best regards,

I write in response to the Faculty Senate resolution from November 10, 2010 which states

The Senate strongly urges the Cornell Administration, and in particular, the Provost, to reverse the decision to close the current faculty luncheon facility and keep it open until a suitable replacement is found, and recommends that a serious planning effort be undertaken, with Administration support and involvement, to ensure a sustainable faculty center that includes a luncheon facility.

The Statler Faculty Club and the associated lunch have accumulated an unresolved deficit of over \$700,000, despite an annual subsidy by the provost's office of \$60,000/year. Cornell's Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer has requested that the deficit spending end and funds be transferred to balance the account.

I will work this fiscal year to resolve the current \$700,000 deficit. However, I am unable to allow another deficit for the faculty lunch to recur in the future. Thus, effective this academic year, I have transferred the \$60,000/year lunch subsidy from the provost's office to the dean of faculty office. I have asked Dean Fry to utilize the funds to help achieve the strategic plan objective referenced in the resolution, namely "Objective 6: Foster an exciting intellectual environment by providing opportunities for more dialogue and engagement." (page 19). Dean Fry and I will also investigate whether the academic deans are willing to contribute funds from their budgets to sustain an economically viable faculty lunch.

Although I personally support the request for a faculty center facility, serious planning for a faculty center is not feasible until we have met the critical need for new and renovated academic facilities in Cornell's colleges and schools.

I am writing in response to the two December 8, 2010, resolutions of the Faculty Senate regarding academic integrity. The first resolution is entitled **“Educational Policy Committee Resolution Calling for Cornell University to Create an Initiative to Develop Approaches to a Climate of Academic Integrity,”** and the second is entitled **“EPC Resolution on Cornell Purchasing a University-wide License for Turnitin.”**

First, I would like to thank the Educational Policy Committee and the Faculty Senate for their consideration of the issues around academic integrity and for their formulation of these approaches. I agree that academic dishonesty presents a significant challenge at Cornell and at other colleges and universities across the U.S. and that the most effective response begins with a proactive, educational initiative, and includes a means of detection and deterrence.

Thus, I have charged Vice Provost Laura Brown to create an initiative to promote academic integrity, and to pursue the additional option of providing access to the web-based detection tool, Turnitin. We will begin planning for this initiative immediately and will expect to initiate programming during 2011-12.

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