

REPORT FROM THE ACTING DEAN OF THE FACULTY, MIKE FONTAINE

Acting Dean Michael Fontaine, Associate Dean of the University Faculty and Professor, Classics Department: “Good afternoon, everyone. Since this is the first time the senate has met since the passing of the president, I would like to begin with a moment of silence.

(Pause.)

“Thank you.

“The second thing I would like to do is to thank Karen Lucas and Andrea Smith in the dean of faculty office. In the last few weeks, they have been working triple overtime to make sure everything gets done, so I just want to let them know that we appreciate all they are doing.

“Next, under faculty matters, we just received too late for this meeting, but it will go up on the web site as soon as we can process it, the [report](#) of the ad hoc committee that was formed last year to investigate the incident at the board of trustees meeting that involved a student and the Cornell University Police Department. There was a three-member committee, they investigated, they gave us the report and it will be up, as I say, as soon as we can get it up.

“The proposal from the Vet College for implementing the title [Research Professor](#) has been approved by CAPP and posted on the dean of faculty web site for 60 days. And also, with the College of Human Ecology, CAPP has approved their use of the [Research Professor title](#), posted on the dean of faculty web site for 60 days.

“Last week, I received an e-mail and e-mailed out to all of you a document provided by the president of the Graduate and Professional Student Association titled The [Best Practices](#) for Faculty Advisors. This is not something we are going to vote on, but this is just offered to us as a document you might like to read and share with your colleagues. Offered, I was assured, in the spirit of friendly cooperation, and so I urge you to read that.

“And from there, we can move to the [nominations and elections report](#). So here you see we have the finished slate for the various elections. The polls open tomorrow. I will have a slide about that in a moment. We have five candidates for the dean of faculty, two for associate dean of faculty, and four for the faculty trustee. We also have uncontested elections, as it turned out, for the UFC seat on the University Faculty Committee, and also on Nominations and Elections.

“So these candidates, assuming they get a single vote, will join those committees. And as I say, you will get an e-mail about this. Several e-mails will go out, that the polls open tomorrow at noon. It is a new system. So again, please be patient if there are any glitches. We don't foresee them, but who knows.

“Then you will get a couple of e-mail nags coming out from my mailbox, and you will have one week to complete the voting. The voting will finish at midnight on Wednesday of next week. And I will update you as soon as we have all the information.”

Speaker Lewenstein: “Thank you, Dean Fontaine. Next I would like to ask the acting president and provost, Mike Kotlikoff, to come up.”