

REPORT FROM DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY APRIL 9, 2014

- Presidential Search Committee
- Forthcoming Faculty Fora
- Final Exam Scheduling Foul-up
- Unhappiness with Academic Calendar
- NYS Approves Cornell's Start-up NY proposal
- UA considers faculty's Divestment Resolution
- Colleges study Revenue-Enhancement at request of Trustees

Presidential Search Committee

- Nineteen members (4 faculty, WCMC provost, employee and 2 student trustees, AA&D VP, 10 trustees) advised by Spencer Stuart search firm
- Faculty: Barbara Baird, Joe Burns, Jonathan Culler, Mariana Wolfner
- Local PSC members + 2 leaders here April 28, open meetings w/faculty 4:45-6, UFC 3:30-4:30

Faculty Fora

- “*Making MOOCs*”, Wed, April 16, 4:30, here
Experiences and observations of five profs
teaching Cornell’s 2014 MOOCs:
E. Baptist, D. Chernoff, D. Easley, L. Hyman, S.
Wicker
- “*Cornell’s International Programs and Partnerships*”, September 19, 2014

More Topics....

- Final Exam Foul-up

- New algorithm (based on actual enrollment) used
- Faculty, students choose among “optimal” solns
- Wrong solution was uploaded on 2/14
- Registrar, EPC chair, JAB opt to keep posted 3/27

- Unhappiness with New Academic Calendar

- NYS Approves CU’s “Start-Up NY” proposal

UA Considers Divestment Resolution

- Meeting 4/8/14 presents two sides (see *Sun*)
- Meeting 4/22/14 will vote to either
 - Endorse our resolution
 - or endorse carbon neutrality by 2035 but not divestment because that is just symbolic and could negatively impact core mission of education and achievement of carbon neutrality.

Revenue Enhancement

- Trustees have requested that all colleges investigate new revenue streams.
- Colleges start to develop such ideas.
- Faculty should be involved to assure that Cornell's core missions of education and research are sustained and enhanced.
- Please confirm your department's engagement.

Comments? Questions?