

REPORT FROM THE ACTING DEAN OF THE FACULTY, MIKE FONTAINE

Acting Dean of the Faculty, Michael Fontaine, Associate Dean of the University Faculty and Professor, Classics Department: "Hi, folks. Just a couple things. One novelty was that we received a [resolution](#) last month directly from the graduate student assembly. This hasn't happened at least in the last few years, and it asked us to consider supervisor/student relationships.

"This is actually something that came before the faculty senate last fall. We discussed it at length, in conjunction with a couple of other restrictions on student relationships with faculty; but because this came to us, I directed it straight to the committee AFPS, the Academic Freedom and Professional Status of Faculty.

"They met, and I conveyed a response last night over to the grad student assembly. There are printed copies just outside. If you didn't get one, please get one on your way out. It will go up on the web site, I think, tomorrow, as soon as we are back in the office. But just in general, it seems like a good thing we could be doing, more resolutions back and forth between different bodies, rather than sending everything to the central administration.

"And in that same context, I read in "The Cornell Sun" the student assembly has passed a resolution to come to us about mandatory diversity training for the faculty, but I haven't received anything, so nothing will be happening on that front until at least this fall.

"The last thing to mention is that we received a number of complaints about professors assigning tests this week and last week. That does go against our own [policy](#). I had a few people reply that because the test was not cumulative, it was considered another preliminary test. The students see that differently. In fact, our own policy sees that differently.

"So if you give an exam in the last week of class, whether it's cumulative or not, you are in fact breaching the policy, and the students have asked us not to do that. Thank you."

Speaker Lewenstein: "Thank you. Next on the agenda will be a report on the College of Business, an update from Chris Barrett."