

In our capacity as Faculty Senators from the Department of Government, we respectfully request that the Provost's proposal for "Planning Grants for Cross Campus Programs between Ithaca and Cornell Tech Campuses" be placed on the agenda of the Faculty Senate. We note, quoting from the Faculty Handbook, that:

"According to the bylaws of the university, the `...functions of the University Faculty shall be to consider questions of educational policy which concern more than one college, school or separate academic unit'" This jurisdiction is shared with the Faculty Senate as well.

The Provost's proposal clearly meets the criteria and is also clearly of sufficient gravity for discussion by the Senate.

Thanks!

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The proposal is copied below:

From: "Michael I. Kotlikoff" <provost@cornell.edu>
Subject: **DDD - Planning Grants for Cross Campus Programs Between Ithaca and Cornell Tech Campuses**
Date: October 23, 2015 at 2:08:50 PM EDT
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To: Deans, Directors, and Department Heads
From: Michael I. Kotlikoff, Provost
Re: Planning Grants for Cross Campus Programs Between Ithaca and Cornell Tech Campuses

In her 2015 State of the University address, President Garrett announced the availability of funds for feasibility and planning grants for academic programs that span the Ithaca and Cornell Tech campuses. In collaboration with the Cornell Tech Dean, I will oversee the evaluation of proposals and selection of grant recipients according to the criteria below. Each submitted proposal should be endorsed by one or more school or college deans.

The grants will provide seed funding for a few of the most promising new cross campus program ideas, in order to support exploration of their potential and feasibility. Proposed programs should be relevant to the Cornell Tech focus on the digital age, while broadening beyond the current plans for graduate degree programs in technology, business and law. Proposed programs should create substantial interaction among students and faculty based on both campuses, rather than being primarily oriented towards students or faculty on one campus.

Programs also need to have sustainable financial models in the long run, with support from the relevant deans to cover short-run deficits. The financial model can be developed more fully as part of the planning grant but some preliminary information should be provided in the proposal.

Seed grant funds can be used for pilots, curriculum development, investigating student demand, validating the financial model, and similar activities that will demonstrate the academic value and financial viability of the proposed program. It is expected that the grant funds will largely support administrative and travel costs related to such activities, rather than faculty release time or summer salaries.

Proposers should note that until the permanent campus opens in fall 2017, there is no available classroom or meeting space at Cornell Tech during the academic year and very limited space in the summer and during winter break. There is also no housing until fall 2017, at which time an on-campus apartment building will open. There are no plans for undergraduate residence halls or the staffing that is normally present in such facilities. More broadly, appropriate student support would need to be part of any proposal that involves undergraduates spending time at the Cornell Tech campus.

Further note that the currently planned degree programs for Cornell Tech are: MEng in Computer Science, MEng in Electrical and Computer Engineering, MEng in Operations Research, MPS in Information Science, Master of Laws (LLM), Master of Business Administration (MBA), and Technion Cornell dual MS in Information Systems with concentrations in Connective Media, Health Tech and the Built Environment.

The deadline for submissions is January 22, 2016. All proposals should be sent by email to Patty Ard, pma2@cornell.edu, with the subject line "cross-campus proposal" and must copy the endorsing dean(s). Selections will be announced by April 15, 2016.