



Risa Lieberwitz, Industrial & Labor Relations

Risa Lieberwitz, Professor of Labor and Employment Law, School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR School); member of the Cornell faculty since 1982. She was Chair of the Department of Collective Bargaining, Labor Law, and Labor History (2003-2006). She is also a co-director of the Cornell University Law and Society minor. One of her primary areas of research is academic freedom and faculty governance in the university and the role of higher education in a democratic society. In recognition of her expertise on these issues, she has been appointed to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure (2012-2014). Her publications include: *Faculty in the Corporate University: Professional Identity, Law, and Collective Action*, 16 Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy 263 (2007), and *University Science Research Funding: Privatizing Policy and Practice*, in "Science and the University" (Paula E. Stephan and Ronald G. Ehrenberg, eds., University of Wisconsin Press 2007). Her active engagement in Cornell faculty governance includes: Chair of the Faculty Senate Committee to Review Faculty Governance, which produced an extensive report and recommendations in March 2007; University Faculty Committee (1998-2004); Faculty Senate (1996-2004); Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Status (2002-2005, 2009-2012); Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Corporate Alliances (2003-2005); and Faculty Senate Committee on Affirmative Action (1997-2000).

Statement:

The Dean of Faculty represents the interests of the faculty in multiple settings – liaison between the university faculty and the administration, leading the University Faculty Committee (UFC) and Faculty Senate, and assisting individual faculty members. My expertise and experience make me well qualified to fulfill all these roles. As a Professor of Labor and Employment Law in the ILR School, I have broad knowledge, skills, and experience in employment relations, which I bring to university committee work, interactions with administrators, and in assisting faculty colleagues. My expertise on academic freedom and faculty governance has been nationally recognized with my appointment to the AAUP's prestigious Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure. My research on these issues has also enhanced the quality of my university service in the Faculty Senate, UFC, Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Status, and as Chair of the Faculty Senate Committee to Review Faculty Governance. I believe in this work and I enjoy doing it. As Dean of Faculty, I would continue to build on current efforts by the UFC to negotiate with the Provost to improve faculty governance through procedures for greater transparency, early consultation, and meaningful faculty participation in university governance.