

Resolution to Review Faculty Governance

Whereas 2005 is the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Faculty Senate, and

Whereas several events during the last year have raised questions about the relationship among the Faculty Senate, the central administration, and the Board of Trustees at Cornell University,

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate, using a slate of candidates proposed by its Nominations and Elections Committee, appoint a seven-member committee to:

1. Review the actions of Faculty Governance over the past ten years to assess their impact on administrative decision-making at Cornell;
2. Examine the relationship among the faculty governing body, administration of the individual colleges, central administration, and Board of Trustees at other comparable universities;
3. Make recommendations to the Faculty Senate for changes to broaden and strengthen the influence of the university faculty on administrative decision-making at Cornell;
and
4. Report back to the Faculty Senate no later than its May 2006 meeting.

University Faculty Committee
4 October 2005