

DoF Activity

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Ad Hoc Committee on the Calendar

Becky Stoltzfus	Vice Provost Undergraduate Education, co-chair
Charlie Van Loan	Dean of Faculty, co-chair
Mary Beth Grant	Dean of Students Office
Betsy East	Assistant Dean for Student Services, Engineering
Marianella Casasola	Human Development, CHE
Tom Fox	Molecular Biology and Genetics, CALS
Rob Thorne	Physics, EPC, CAS
Greg Eells	Gannett Health Services
Cassie Dembosky	University Registrar
Marin Clarkburg	Institutional Planning and Research
Undergraduates	2 SA Members
Graduate Students	1 GPSA member
Employees	1 EA member

Calendar Committee

Major Issues

Positioning of the February Break

Late ending of the Spring semester

Timeline

Fall: Gather data, solicit views across campus, discuss principles

Spring: Proposal to Senate by April (or earlier)

Final recommendation to Provost by May (or earlier)

Ad Hoc Committee on the Transition to Emeritus

Kevin Hallock

Dean, ILR

Barbara Baird

Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences

Ron Ehrenberg

Professor, ILR

Elaine Wethington

Professor, Human Development

Linda Nozick

Professor and Director, Civil & Env Eng

George Huddler

Professor Emeritus (Plant Science)

Judith Reppy

Professor Emerita (Science and Technology Studies)

Charles Van Loan

Professor Emeritus (Computer Science), Chair

Charles Walcott

Professor Emeritus (Neurobiology and Behavior)

Ad Hoc Committee on the Transition to Emeritus

Yael Levitte	Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity
Mary Opperman	Vice President, Human Resources
Sandy Dhimitri	Director of Human Resources, Human Ecology
Cynthia Robinson	Cornell Association of Professors Emeritus

Transition to Emeritus Committee

Tasks

Look at all aspects of the promotion-to-emeritus process in the Colleges and suggest improvements. Develop promotion guidelines for the Faculty Handbook.

Timeline

Fall: Gather data, solicit views from faculty and administration, discuss principles.

Spring: Proposal to Senate via AFPS by March (or earlier)

Final recommendation to Provost by April (or earlier)

Senate Committee Activity

Educational Policy Committee

What is a credit hour?

Faculty Committee on Program Review

Steps developed to ensure more timely processing.

Committee on Academic Freedom & Professional Status of Faculty

Reviewing SA 57 (Towards an Inclusive Learning Experience)

Reviewing GPSA 7 (Supervisor-Student Relationships)

Brief Preview of things to Come

Smoke Free Campus Discussion

There have been presentations in the other assemblies

Bureaucracy Working Group

Physics, Economics, Government, Astronomy are participating

Carbon Neutrality on Campus by 2035

Senior leaders Climate Action Group Report is Out

Campus Security

*Joanne Destefano, Executive Vice President and CFO
and*

Ryan Lombardi, Vice President for Student and Campus Life

Update on Various Issues that Surround Campus Security

Resolution to Rebrand the Cornell Plantations

Jeffrey Doyle. Professor, Plant Biology Section, School of Integrative Plant Science

Alan Collmer. Andrew J. and Grace B. Nichols Professor, School of Integrative Plant Science

Christopher Dunn. Professor, Horticulture Section, School of Integrative Plant Science, and E. N. Wilds Director of Cornell Plantations

Cornell Plantations → Cornell Botanic Gardens

Sponsors:

- Thomas Björkman (SIPS, Horticulture Section)
- Walter DeJong (SIPS, Plant Breeding & Genetics Section)
- Jeff Doyle (At-Large)
- Melanie Filiatrault (SIPS, Plant Pathology & Plant-Microbe Biology Section)
- Maureen Hanson (Molecular Biology & Genetics)
- Robert Howarth (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology)
- Ron Hoy (Neurobiology & Behavior)
- Andre Kessler (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology)
- Carmen Enid Martínez (SIPS, Soil and Crop Science Section)
- Michael Mazourek (At-Large)
- Linda Nicholson (Molecular Biology & Genetics)
- Gregory Page (Art)
- John Sipple (At-Large)
- Charlie Walcott (CAPE)
- Stephen Winans (Microbiology)

The “Whereas” Part

- 2004: First questioning of the name “Cornell Plantations”
- 2009-10: Consultants look at logo, rebranding
- 2014-15: Dr. Christopher Dunn begins Directorship and leads rebranding discussion among stakeholders.

- October 2015: More strategic planning
- November 2015: Renaming Plantations among demands by Black Students United
- December 2015: Online survey reveals that 70-75% of respondents felt the name “Cornell Plantations” did not fit its identity or mission.

The Resolution

Be it therefore resolved, that the Faculty Senate encourages the Board of Trustees to approve the proposed name change of Cornell Plantations to “Cornell Botanic Gardens” at their October 2016 board meeting, so that Cornell’s botanic gardens, arboretum and natural areas may be represented by a more relevant name, and thus reach broader audiences.