

# Faculty Senate

October 16, 2019

Blue Sign-In Sheets for Senators Circulating—Will Be Collected Around 4pm

To promote the communication of opposing views and to serve as a free-speech-with-respect model for the rest of the campus, all discussion in the Faculty Senate must be conducted in a civil fashion that is free of any intimidation or personal attacks.

- *the University Faculty Committee*

# Announcements

Charles Van Loan  
Dean of Faculty

# Speaker and Parliamentarian

Helping us this year in both of these capacities:

[Sam Nelson](#) (ILR)

[Mark Wysocki](#) (Earth and Atmospheric Sciences)

Need who-does-what flexibility because of travel and other commitments.

# Quorum Math $126/2 = 63$

RTE-related stats about the current line-up of 126 Senators:

- 2 = #University At-Large Senators who are RTE Faculty members
- 15 = # College RTE Senators
- 7 = # Departments whose second senator is an RTE Faculty member

# Two Follow-Ups

1. An April 2017 discussion on reliable knowledge and a Nov 2018 discussion on journal costs has prompted the creation of a [Committee on Scholarly Communication](#)
2. A Sept 2019 question about (“semi autonomous”) E-Cornell has prompted the sharing of a [proposal](#) being made to the Trustees that will fully integrate the unit into the university.

# Work on the Grade-Change Policy

Meeting 1:1 with the 10 college registrars to clarify how changes driven by “extenuating circumstances” are handled in their unit. Half done with this homework. Headed towards something like this for Senate consideration:

In rare circumstances, a letter grade or incomplete can be changed to a “W” or expunged from a student’s transcript by action of the student’s college **provided there is supporting documentation from Cornell Health, the Title IX Office, or the University Counsel’s Office.** The instructor of record (a) must be informed of any such grade change before it is made and (b) **must be given the opportunity to review the supporting documentation under conditions that respect confidentiality.**

( Modifications in **red** )

# Sense of the Senate Resolution

# SOS-1 : Campus-Wide Smoking/Vaping Ban

Whereas the Senate fully appreciates the value of having a smoke-free and vape-free campus and enthusiastically endorses efforts that are designed to help those who have an addiction problem.

Whereas the Senate encourages participation in the University Assembly's campus-wide "smoking survey" but have concerns about how the results might be used to justify a change in the current smoking/vaping policy ( [Policy 8.7](#)).

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate requests it be given the opportunity to assess the survey results before any further action is taken with respect to the smoking/vaping ban issue.



# Call for Vote

Do you support SOS-1?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_