

15:28:25 From Elizabeth Lamb to Everyone : Charlie, Thanks for doing the work on the emeritus/a piece for RTE!

15:29:15 From taraholm to Everyone : Charlie, it's the best academic position in any way. I'd take that job in a heartbeat

15:29:51 From Carl Franck to Everyone : I had a dream postdoc too. Wonderful adviser

15:29:56 From Oren Falk to Everyone : cave art confirms that neanderthls had postdocs too

15:38:34 From Paul Ginsparg to Everyone : not just Skorton's "internationalization effort", Lehman's first initiative was to make Cornell a "transnational university"

15:40:31 From Thomas Björkman to Everyone : Curious how Lehman feels in the hot seat of currently being Vice Chancellor of NYU-Shanghai. All these issues are concrete for him.

15:44:20 From Richard BenseL to Everyone : One of those complications is academic freedom: The Global Public Policy Institute has published an "Academic Freedom Index" ranking around 180 nations. Only 12 nations are ranked lower than China. Here are some of the scores at the low end of the scale: United Arab Emirates .127

Iran .120

South Sudan .084

China .082

Saudi Arabia .076

Belarus .072

Turkey .064

North Korea .011

The full list is on page 24 of the report in:

KinzelbachEtAl_2021_Free_Universities_AFi-2020.pdf (gppi.net)

15:48:43 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : Is Wendy saying that if we privileging social good overrides the other guidelines: if we privilege social good, we can be more lax about free & open inquiry and expression?

15:53:23 From Maria Figueroa to Everyone : I would like to hear about how we operationalize these guidelines, particularly those related to academic freedom, and social good.

15:54:31 From Ken Birman to Everyone : During the cold war period, my father's academic ties to Soviet physics programs enabled him to help 10 or 15 via "refuseniks" get permission to leave that country. Some were being very badly treated at their home institutions at the time. So engagement, even with an odious regime, does create opportunities for impactful social actions that are unavailable when disengaged.

15:55:52 From Richard BenseL to Everyone : Wendy is just saying that all the money does not come from the Chinese government.

15:56:11 From Allen Carlson to Everyone : Regarding peer institutions, such as NYU Shanghai and some of the growing risks of being in China, please see this piece that ran in the Washington Post yesterday: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/american-students-arrested-china/> .

2021/03/16/1b284f6e-8690-11eb-8a67-f314e5fcf88d_story.html. It is something that concerns me as someone involved with a program that if we were not in a pandemic would have Cornell undergrads in China right now.

15:57:04 From Thomas Björkman to Everyone : For institution-level agreements like the one proposed, how do we evaluate partner institutions national leadership is repressive to be sure that we are not aiding that repression?

15:59:30 From Ken Birman to Everyone : @Allen, they were arrested for a suspected drug infraction. Is that your concern?

15:59:50 From Richard Bensele to Everyone : The Hotel School, as Wendy just said, has to come before the Faculty Senate.

16:00:20 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : @Ken-- there is no evidence about what they were arrested for. That's the concern, for me

16:00:38 From Ken Birman to Everyone : The article says they were grilled about drugs... not politics...

16:01:07 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : There is no clear difference between the two

16:01:20 From Paul Ginsparg to Everyone : yes, but could be anything. recall the student David L. last week who said some of his friends were picked up and interrogated by police for attending a feminist gathering

16:01:41 From Ken Birman to Everyone : Valid point, I have heard similar stories.

16:02:01 From Ken Birman to Everyone : The particular article, though, is more explicit about what they were suspected of.

16:02:30 From Neil Saccamano to Everyone : Does the faculty senate have a role to play or only the International Council?

16:02:56 From Allen Carlson to Everyone : It speaks to risks of arbitrary detention, lack of transparency, questions of rule of law and so on.

16:02:59 From Tracy Stokol to Everyone : Thank you for a great presentation

16:03:18 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : Thanks Wendy for a great presentation

16:03:20 From Elizabeth Lamb to Everyone : Thank you for your presentation, Wendy.

16:03:21 From Risa Lieberwitz to Everyone : CAPP should report to the Faculty Senate and the Senate should vote on the proposed joint program. Prior to voting, CAPP and the Faculty Senate should receive reports with full information about the considerations regarding the proposed program.

16:03:22 From bethmilles to Everyone : Thank you for this presentation.

16:03:54 From Shanjun Li to Everyone : I want to pose this question regarding the rightful concerns about the students arrested in China, what is your position on this?

<https://news.mit.edu/2021/professor-gang-chen-fraud-0114>

16:04:11 From Thomas Björkman to Everyone : Risa's proposal sounds very effective for both process and transparency.

16:04:19 From Wendy Wolford to Jill Short(Direct Message) : Thank you!

16:04:29 From Ariel Ortiz-Bobea to Everyone : Thank you for your presentation Wendy

16:04:34 From Wendy Wolford to Jill Short(Direct Message) : Would you be able to copy the chat and send to me?

16:04:39 From Maria Figueroa to Everyone : I too agree with Risa's proposal

16:04:47 From Neil Saccamano to Everyone : Me too

16:04:47 From Laurent Dubreuil to Everyone : I support Risa's proposal as well.

16:04:49 From Shanjun Li to Everyone : What about this?

<https://www.inquirer.com/philly/education/Temple-Xiaoxing-Xi-spying-China-FBI-Justice-lawsuit.html>

16:04:55 From Richard Bensel to Everyone : I can only speak for myself but I believe the best way to proceed would be:

- a) a pause in the consideration of the Hotel School/Peking University proposal that included the withdrawal of the "Sense of the Senate" resolution now pending before the Faculty Senate;
- b) the creation of a general process through which joint degree programs would be reviewed before coming before the Faculty Senate;
- c) and once that process is in place, renewed consideration of the Hotel School/Peking University proposal.

All the best to you all!

16:04:57 From Carl Franck to Everyone : I agree with Risa

16:05:09 From Risa Lieberwitz to Everyone : Since there are very few joint degree programs, it will not be difficult to present to CAPP and the Senate.

16:05:13 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : Mike: we have general principles-- what's not clear is how the current proposal is adhering to them

16:05:44 From Jim Dai to Everyone : Thank you for your presentation Wendy!

16:06:09 From Carl Franck to Everyone : Thanks Wendy and Mike for your response

16:06:09 From Carole Boyce Davies to Everyone : Very clear presentation

16:06:31 From Tracy Stokol to Everyone : I agree with Risa too

16:07:59 From Allen Carlson to Everyone : This question is consistent with TJ's: I appreciate Wendy's comments, but will add that beyond what you stated, is the University willing to put forward a policy that "If the Chinese government were to detain a Cornell faculty member, student, or staff, it will immediately review and possibly suspend all joint degree programs with that country. At the very least a moratorium of 30 days would be automatically triggered by any detention which would allow the University to gather information related to such an arrest, can develop a comprehensive response to it,

and signal to our Chinese counterparts the seriousness with which Cornell would take such an incident and the resolve of its commitment to its students, staff and faculty working in China." Can language to this effect be included in all MOAs and Project Agreements between Cornell and partner institutions in China moving forward.

16:08:46 From Michael Kotlikoff to Everyone : @Risa, we have many, many agreements that provoke the same issues and questions that senators are raising (including protections of faculty and students abroad). It is not clear to me why we would focus only on dual degree programs.

16:10:47 From Risa Lieberwitz to Everyone : Mike, dual degree programs extend to more than one college and therefore should go to the Senate for approval.

16:11:58 From Richard Bensele to Everyone : President Pollock's commitment to "shared governance," if it means anything, means obedience to University Bylaws.

16:12:19 From Magnus Fiskesjö to Everyone : About the questions on Lehman at NYU Shanghai: I was visiting faculty at NYU Shanghai in 2014-15. Lehman held a special all-faculty meeting in the beginning of the semester reminding us that academic freedom was only inside our walls. Outside, we were on our own, and had no freedom of speech because this is China, and we'd be arrested if we said anything in public. Then he added, if the deal protecting academic freedom inside NYU's walls was ever breached, NYU would be outta there. Finished. The year after, China refused to allow Kwame Anthony Appiah to come lecture. As usual, they refused to ever say why, and NYU had to get his passport back; NYU's president caved - started talking about how "America refuses some visas too" even though it was clearly to punish Appiah for his critical comments years before. So much for being outta there. -The unfortunate fact is that once engaging you also risk, like NYU, to cross the line in sand & go into the grey zone conceding things, one after the other. It's inevitable.

16:12:54 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone :
<https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20210310133012408>

16:17:56 From Magnus Fiskesjö to Everyone : I am very concerned that we're not talking about the giant elephant in the room: With the genocide, there is a radically new situation in China. This is not being acknowledged. What could be a bigger red flag for pausing and reconsidering collaboration and legitimising the regime by business-as-usual contacts and programs, than the massive genocide we are seeing now? We're past all the usual old talk of "human rights" as a factor that can somehow be bracketed off and away. We're talking *genocide* as per both outgoing and incoming US Secretaries of State and as laid out here: <https://newlinesinstitute.org/uyghurs/the-uyghur-genocide-an-examination-of-chinas-breaches-of-the-1948-genocide-convention/>

16:19:31 From Allen Carlson to Everyone : I appreciate your comments Wendy. Thank you. To follow up on Joe's comments I think that the scenario of risk and the issues the University will face is not a case of if, but when, and this is why I truly think that we should put specific red lines in place now, rather than wait until we are in a crisis. Again, thanks.

16:19:36 From Joe Margulies to Everyone : I have to say the wiggle room that Wendy insists upon is worrisome. As the entanglement with China increases, and as the financial disincentive to severing relationships become overpowering, I worry that Cornell will be too willing to overlook serious transgressions by the Chinese Govt.

16:19:44 From Thomas Björkman to Everyone : How would students be protected from repercussions in China resulting from their actions in Ithaca?

16:20:14 From Jonathan Russell-Anelli to Everyone : Has there been a conversation on what we are willing to lose if a red line is crossed? Infrastructure, IP, reputation, collaboration, etc. This seems reasonable given the Chinese regime. When/if we need to discontinue a "relationship"/program what is at risk,... this of course ignores the moral/ethical issues raised here.

16:21:44 From Neil Saccamano to Everyone : Ethical —yes. Read the guidelines

16:21:58 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : `

16:21:58 From Nick Admussen to Everyone : To make it concrete for the hotel school's program: will they work for and with hotels at which Uyghurs are not allowed to stay? Will they matriculate students with the understanding that Uyghur students would never be included in such a program? Are they engaged in the very complex questions of forced labor in the Chinese supply chain?

16:22:33 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : China has always supported the growth of ethnic minority groups.

The one-child family planning policy applies to Han Chinese only, but NEVER ethnic minority groups since the very beginning of the policy, back in the 1970s.

“The policy also allowed exceptions for some other groups, including ethnic minorities. Thus, the term "one-child policy" has been called a "misnomer", because for nearly 30 of the 36 years that it existed (1979–2015), about half of all parents in China were allowed to have a second child.

16:22:42 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : Jiaping Wu & Catherine Ingram (2019) Six decades of ethnic minority population change in China, *Asian Population Studies*, 15:2, 228-238, DOI: 10.1080/17441730.2019.1594657

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17441730.2019.1594657>

Table on p. 230 shows that the Han Chinese doubled in size (2.249 times) from 1953 to 2010, while during the same period of time, most ethnic minority groups grew by around three times, including the two Muslim groups - Hui (2.998 times) and Uighurs (2.789 times) - that have had conflict with each other for centuries.

16:22:51 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : China has had nation-wide affirmative action plans for admission at the middle school, high school and college levels since the 1970s. China offers nine-year compulsory education to all students, but if students want to go to those more selective schools, they need to take exams. Ethnic minority students can enter these selective schools at a lower grade. Take the notorious Chinese college entrance exam as an example: Out of 300 points in total, (1) ethnic minorities living in the Han region can get 5-point credit, and (2) ethnic minorities living in minority regions get 10-point credit, up to a maximum of 40 for students facing extreme circumstances.

16:23:17 From Richard Bensele to Everyone : Wendy emphasized in her presentation that the existing guidelines are particularly weak in ethics.

16:23:17 From Joe Margulies to Everyone : Yes, I don't see why we shouldn't insist upon this sort of clarity and certainty in the MOA.

16:23:23 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : Hard to imagine a country that has over 40 years policy supporting the growth of ethnic minority population to engage in genocide

16:23:44 From Neil Saccamano to Everyone : So the partner university alone is evaluated in terms of human rights violations, Mike?

16:25:21 From Jonathan Russell-Anelli to Everyone : I ask since it was stated that Cornell would discontinue MOAs but given past practices (not necessarily at Cornell) backsliding on principles have often occurred. Would it be appropriate to put into place some guidelines about what investment (not necessarily monetary) would be allowed or to what extent we would invest.

16:25:31 From Carl Franck to Everyone : Thank you Risa and Wendy!

16:26:40 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : The Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP) (Arabic: الحزب الإسلامي التركستاني, romanized: al-Ḥizb al-Islāmī al-Turkistānī; Uighur: تۈركىستان ئىسلام پارتىيىسى, Türkistan İslam Partiyisi) or Turkistan Islamic Movement (TIM), formerly known as the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM) and other names,[note 1] is an Islamic extremist organization founded by Uyghur jihadists in Western China, considered broadly as a terrorist group. Its stated goals are to establish an independent state called East Turkestan replacing Xinjiang.[22] According to a Chinese report, published in 2002, between 1990 and 2001 the ETIM had committed over 200 acts of terrorism, resulting in at least 162 deaths and over 440 injuries.[23] The UN Security Council Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee has listed ETIM as a terrorist organization since 2002

16:26:50 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : The UN Security Council Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee has listed ETIM as a terrorist organization since 2002

16:28:26 From Harold Hodes to Everyone : The issue isn't the mere oppressiveness of the government; it is the genocidal activity of the government.

16:29:06 From Magnus Fiskesjö to Everyone : Anyone in doubt about the dramatically new situation in China please do study the exhaustive report I mentioned. I would like to point out that genocide denialism is not tolerable. We don't need repetition of Chinese government talking points. On how they used 'terrorism' as an excuse, borrowed from the US war of terror rhetoric and turning it into a war on the ethnic minorities, see our colleague's Sean Roberts 2020 book, War on the Uyghurs.

16:29:07 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : I don't think that individual faculty collaborations are in question. We're talking about a program, which is essentially a business venture

16:29:07 From Michael Kotlikoff to Everyone : @Neil. We sign agreements with the partner university or organizations.

16:29:40 From S.C. Pryor to Everyone : Joanie is absolutely correct!

16:29:46 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : Genocide means indiscriminate killing of people of other race/ethnicity, which is what exactly Uighur Islamic extremists did to Hui Muslims and other ethnic groups in China

16:30:37 From Eli Friedman to Everyone : The whole discussion has been about what we'll do if PKU violates the MOA. But they have an extensive record of violating principles of academic freedom quite recently. We haven't heard why this recent behavior should be overlooked.

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/report/2019-04-30-pekings-university/>

16:31:14 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : thank you, Eli. That's the point I was trying to make when I spoke

16:31:21 From Neil Saccamano to Everyone : Because we're only concerned about our students. As long as they don't come for us, we're fine, right?

16:32:01 From Magnus Fiskesjö to Everyone : Connie, you obviously need to study the UN genocide convention, which defines genocide, and, you need to see the reports which spell out in great detail how the Chinese government is already fulfilling the 5 criteria mentioned in the Convention, -- which also says only one needs to be fulfilled for genocide to be occurring, and for the world to be obliged to act against the perpetrators. This is serious.

16:34:27 From Richard Bensele to Everyone : We should also remember that the Hotel School primarily, almost exclusively, justified their proposal in terms of profitability. Intellectual exchange and research collaboration were not mentioned at all. We should also remember that that profitability is determined by the provisions that China offers Cornell. An unfriendly interpretation would be that the Chinese government is "buying" the legitimation that a connection with Cornell is offering them.

16:35:51 From Allen Carlson to Everyone : As CAPS was brought up during Wendy's presentation, I want to say that I very much enjoy directing the program, and am amazed with our students, but, at the same time, the concerns I raised about the current state of things in China is related to this experience, as well as my own research experiences there. It is a mistake for us not to more concretely anticipate the issues that have been raised today, not to mention the problems that Chinese nationals and ethnic Chinese face in this country.

16:36:42 From Chris Schaffer to Everyone : @Richard I do not think that is a fair characterization of the motivation presented by Prof. Susskind from the Hotel School. He certainly indicated that they anticipated a positive impact on revenue, but he also suggested the growing hospitality industry in China would intellectually and practically benefit from partnership with the world's top ranked hospitality program.

16:37:46 From Ariel Ortiz-Bobea to Everyone : This chat is on fire today

16:38:36 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : + Chris

16:38:46 From Richard Bensele to Everyone : It is an MA program. But I am certain that there would be, as you say Chris, there would be some intellectual content. That does not change the possibility of an "unfriendly interpretation."

16:39:00 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : What Alex Susskind said at the Feb 24 meeting: "feb 24: alex susskind: Again, the note in the slide is the attachment to the formal program proposal. Our program is not a STEM-based program, so a lot of the problems that had been noted don't necessarily apply to us. We are a business-based program; we don't have STEM certification, and this is also not a research-based initiative where we're basically teaching. It is a professional program. There may be

research collaborations that emerge from this relationship, but that's not part of the plan and that's not actually what we're doing here. Everything that we do on campus has some revenue implication. Any time that we offer a course or a program, whether it's winter session, summer session, whether the students are domestic or international, every unit on campus is responsible for generating revenue. This program is no different in its needs or its prospect. In fact, we are looking for ways to be a part of the Asian hospitality market, which is booming and...

16:39:19 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : "and growing. And, yes, there are issues and problems in that part of the world, but tourism and hospitality is one of the largest seconders in those economies, the growing sectors. Because we dominate the hospital industry education, we want to be a part of that. We're not just interested in China; we're interested in having our footprint over there, so this is a bigger thing. It's not just a money-making arrangement. That is an outcome of the process, and we're not going to do it for a loss, as we would hope that no new programs would go forward to operate at a loss. That's not entirely the reason; although, additional revenue and additional money is good for everybody. Just want to leave it at that."

16:40:03 From Wendy Wilcox to Everyone : Can the chat please pivot to the presentation topic? I want to be respectful of the presenters.

16:40:37 From TJ Hinrichs to Everyone : maybe after-Senate hallway discussion

16:41:11 From Neema Kudva to Everyone : Thank you Wendy!

16:41:36 From Magnus Fiskesjö to Everyone : Chris: The sad reality is that a new hotel program will be seen as a legitimating act, as in headlines like this: "Even the ongoing genocide, ... or the astounding treaty breach in Hong Kong and the massive crackdowns there, .. or the hostage-taking of citizens from multiple countries, did not stop Cornell from starting a new program." If Prof Susskind does not realize, that is sad, too. -Over and out.

16:45:41 From Chris Schaffer to Everyone : @magnus I do not disagree. I just think it is not appropriate to attribute entirely financial motives to this program at the Hotel School, when they clearly indicated broader motivations in their documents and presentation (without denying the likely financial advantage). There are plenty of reasons to debate this without disparaging the motivations of the Hotel School and the faculty who are engaged with this program.

16:50:37 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : @ Magnus, per UN's definition of genocide, Uighur extremist Islamic did exactly the same on Hui Muslims (another main Muslim group in China), Han Chines and other ethnic minorities in China for a span of over six years across China, which is exactly what triggered the recent actions. The Uighur extremists meet at least three out of the five criteria listed too.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Kunming_attack

At 21:20 on 1 March 2014,[13] a group of individuals dressed in black clothes rushed into the square and ticket lobby of Kunming railway station and started to attack people indiscriminately.[14] Initial reports indicated there were ten assailants armed with knives and cleavers.[14]

The assailants killed 31 people and injured 143 (including seven policemen).

16:50:56 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : @Chris-- I don't think it's a disparagement; the Hotel School is a professional program, as Alex pointed out. If we speak about this proposal in terms of research, couching it within our esteem for academic freedom, we're not looking at the facts.

16:52:12 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : @Joanie In the quote you sent, Alex also said that "it's not just a money-making arrangement"

16:52:29 From David Delchamps to Everyone : On current topic: is it appropriate to ask questions about other Working Groups' progress ?

16:53:51 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : David, not quite sure what you mean

16:54:25 From Shannon Gleeson to Everyone : How will resources flow back to existing units on campus already doing anti-racist research and supporting anti-racist pedagogy. I know this is a big question, but seems to be at the heart of the anxieties I'm hearing from our colleagues, who as Jamila mentioned, are already doing excellent work.

16:54:27 From David Delchamps to Everyone : Neema us addressing it now ...

16:54:36 From Carl Franck to Everyone : Thanks Neema

16:54:40 From Connie Yuan to Everyone :
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1997_%C3%9Cr%C3%BCmqi_bus_bombings

16:54:46 From Connie Yuan to Everyone : 1997 Ürümqi bus bombings

16:57:40 From Alan Mathios to Everyone : When the central engaged cornell program was created there were concerns that Colleges that were already doing wonderful engaged learning were skeptical about resource allocation. In the end it helped garner support for local engaged efforts as well as create central resources for new efforts.

16:58:05 From Jamila Michener to Everyone : Great example, Alan.

16:58:15 From Shannon Gleeson to Everyone : thx!!

16:59:32 From Wendy Wilcox to Everyone : In the absence of understanding the structure of a center, are staff hired to support the work of the center? Such as a Director, admin support, etc.? Or does this draw from existing structures?

16:59:33 From Jamila Michener to Everyone : Yes, Risa. The proposal uses the language of advocacy and describes the functions of the center in terms similar to this.

17:00:37 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : I think the proposed title for the organization sounds great; it works with how you're describing the center as a hub to connect and amplify existing centers rather than making them "marginal"... The Center for Antiracist, Just, and Equitable Futures

17:01:22 From Maria Gandolfo Nixon to Everyone : I agree with Risa and Joanie and thank you to the speakers fro the report on the center

17:01:32 From Thomas Björkman to Everyone : @Alan, good point. As one who is in a unit that thought “we’ve been excelling at engagement for a century...”, the Engaged Cornell initiative has helped elevate that work across the university.

17:01:35 From Durba Ghosh to Everyone : thank you Jamila!

17:01:36 From Shelley Wong to Everyone : The “amplification” of existing researching, teaching, and advocacy, also emerges through collaborative, comparative framing of the subject and coalitional engagement.

17:01:41 From Ariel Ortiz-Bobea to Everyone : Thank you!

17:01:53 From Robert Travers to Everyone : thanks to all presenters and committee members for their great work on this

17:01:56 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : coalitional engagement: neat

17:02:06 From Elizabeth Lamb to Everyone : Thank you. It sounds like an exciting and positive endeavor!

17:02:07 From Erik Born to Everyone : Thank you for all the work on the Anti-Racism Center!

17:02:08 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : cheers to working group C

17:02:10 From Carole Boyce Davies to Everyone : Good job Jamila

17:02:14 From Ariel Ortiz-Bobea to Everyone : I was thinking of the term “catalyze” rather than “amplify”

17:02:26 From bethmilles to Everyone : Thank you!

17:02:30 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone : catalyze: neat

17:02:30 From Allen Carlson to Everyone : Thanks everyone. Have to run soon.

17:03:15 From Ariel Ortiz-Bobea to Everyone : catalyze: the key ingredients are there, but the center will accelerate the reaction. My college chemistry coming out...

17:04:20 From Martha Field to Everyone : @Ariel, I would argue that chemically a good catalyst also amplifies. :)

17:04:46 From Ariel Ortiz-Bobea to Everyone : hahaah yes!