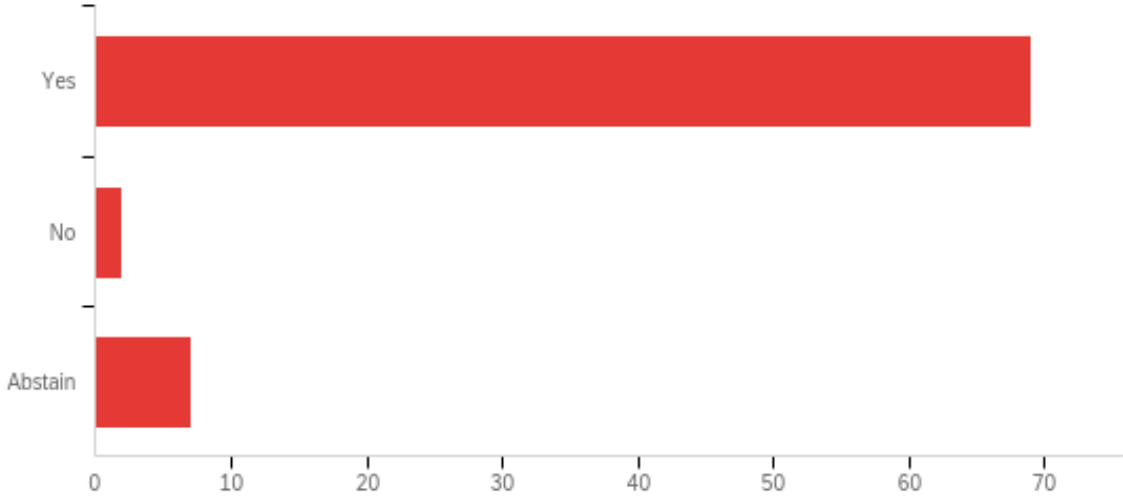


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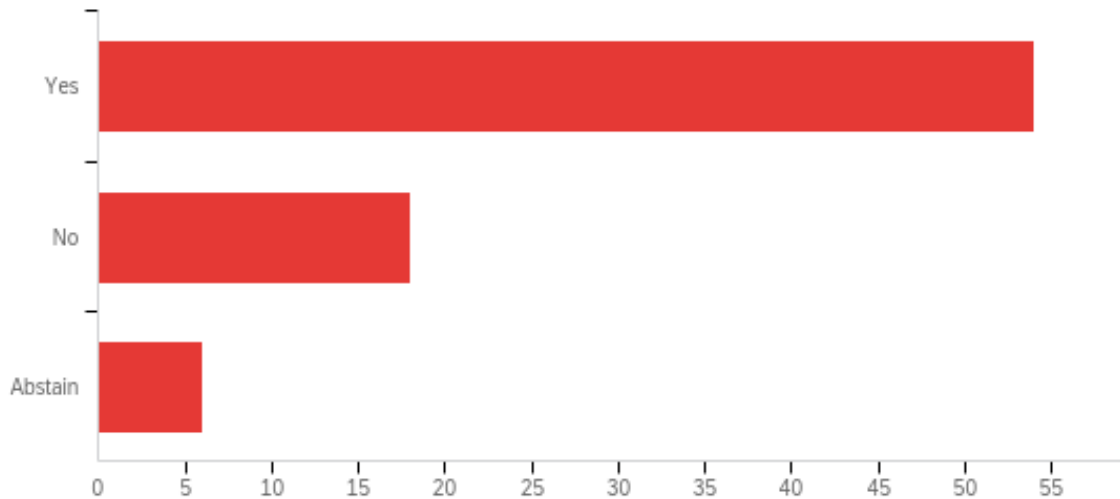
Do you support the Posthumous Academic Awards resolution?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	88.46%	69
2	No	2.56%	2
3	Abstain	8.97%	7
	Total	100%	78

No Comments

Do you support the Award of Honors to Cornell’s Undergraduate Students resolution?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	69.23%	54
2	No	23.08%	18
3	Abstain	7.69%	6
	Total	100%	78

Q5 - Comments

While we support the elimination of the dean’s list and the standardization of the names for awards used on degrees, we see no reason to tie those two measures to the third proposal about changing the criteria for awarding Latin honors. It seems contradictory to claim, on the one hand, that we want students to have less anxiety about their GPAs, but then to change the Latin honors system, on the other hand, so that it would have to be based solely on GPAs and not research or other distinctions. Departments and programs should continue to be allowed to offer an Honors Program and to award students doing an Honors Thesis or an Honors Project.

I agree with most everything in the resolution, most notably the need to uniform the standards across the colleges, therefore I am voting yes. However, I believe that the Latin Honors should be awarded based on GPA standards, not percentiles. A GPA threshold would reduce the feelings of students being in direct competition with their peers. I was an undergrad in CALS and Latin Honors was awarded based on GPA threshold (with a separate Distinction in Research), and I thought this worked quite well. If the move to a percentile is going forward, there should be a mechanism in which students could periodically find out their class rank from the registrar.

I'm not sure that the proposed resolution will solve the uber-competitiveness in the undergraduate population.

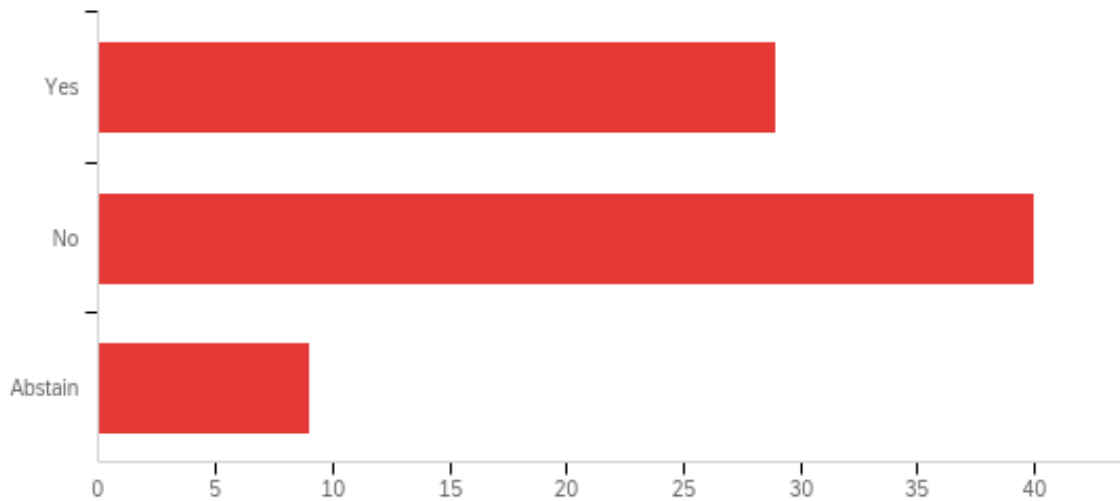
Within my department, there is a concern about honors being determined at the College level rather than at the level of the major/department.

I understand the "problem". I think the solution exacerbates the worst instincts of our students.

I have read and listened, but I cannot make up my mind about this issue. I don't mind that Cornell units have different criteria. Absolute GPA criteria disadvantage students in majors with lower overall GPA.

should have broken this into three separate votes favor making scholarship-based awards use uniform nomenclature favor eliminating Dean's List percentiles should be department-based, not college-based, so can't vote in favor of the whole resolution

Do you support the Increasing the Transparency and Effectiveness of Faculty Senate Proceedings Resolution?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	37.18%	29
2	No	51.28%	40
3	Abstain	11.54%	9
	Total	100%	78

Q7 - Comments

I think this resolution did result in some positive changes that came out of the subsequent discussions and faculty fora, however, I disagree with the procedures that the resolution calls for, and am therefore voting no. This resolution has an undertone of distrust of faculty who are already elected by faculty for the positions they hold. I certainly hope that next year the Faculty Senate can have a less antagonistic, distrustful, and complaining tone to meetings and can move towards being a more positive place in which constructive feedback is provided and change is made.

I support increased transparency and effectiveness but don't think the measures in the resolution will get us there. I believe there should be a UFC report at each meeting. Information on nominations would be useful but getting people to vote is already difficult. I would like to see a continuing discussion like the faculty forum on transparency. None of these suggested measures improve effectiveness of the Senate, in my opinion.

I support increasing the transparency of the AAUP meetings to share with the senate how they organize behind closed doors to control the senate agenda.

This is ill advised and seems like the motivation is political

As long as the UFC is getting issues on the agenda, that process continues to be the most effective.

I haven't heard the rationale for this resolution convincingly (to me) expressed, and it seems to me to be linked to other kinds of frustrations and discontents that I do not fully share or understand. I believe the resolution would

add further administrative weight and slowness to senate operations, and its need has not (for me) been sufficiently established. On the points under contention, I would prefer to elect strong and effective leaders and then trust and rely on them to lead, exercising discretionary judgement and balancing competing timelines and needs where needed. It is my estimation that current and recent senate leadership has done this in a generally fair and effective way, thus my preference against this resolution.

Although I think the group proposing this resolution makes some valid points with regard to past versions of the UFC and the Nominations committee, I am prepared to trust Dean De Rosa, who promised to keep the Senate fully informed.

I don't see why these senators have waited to have the first female POC as Dean of Faculty to make this request. I think senators should give flexibility to the Dean of Faculty and not try to micromanage things.

The provisions in this resolution will provide more opportunities for Faculty Senators to receive information from the UFC and to provide feedback in setting the agenda for Faculty Senate meetings. It is a positive development that the Dean of Faculty and UFC have recently adopted one of the provisions in the resolution to have the UFC report regularly at Senate meetings.