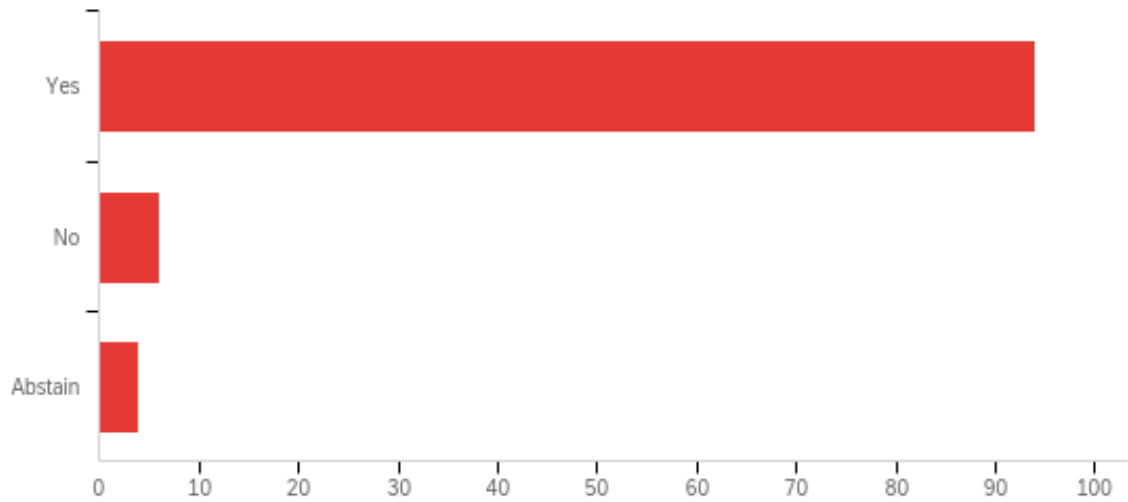Are you in favor of proposed resolution from the Cornell Bowers College of Computing and Information Science to adopt the Research Professor titles?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	90.38%	94
2	No	5.77%	6
3	Abstain	3.85%	4
	Total	100%	104

Comments

While I appreciate the idea that the title will facilitate collaboration with practitioners, I found the reasoning and rationale behind the resolution problematic. As Dean Bala made clear in the March 23, 2023 Senate meeting, CIS is looking at this new role as a mechanism for attracting soft money. This conflation of academic excellence and personal wealth is worrying, to say the least, especially if funding comes from private entities or corporations. Similarly, the idea that the protections of tenure and thus academic freedom are less or not relevant for these kinds of positions was concerning. Critical research in this field is more needed than ever, and past experiences (such as the case of Timnit Gebru at Google, among others) have shown that companies are quick to sanction research and researchers they have deemed irrelevant or problematic.
I didn't see the description about the rank of research professors, for example, research assistant professor, research associate professor and research professors. The longest appointment is 5 years. This position seems to me is a transition or bridging in the career. If RPs are recruited from different

backgrounds, experiences, they should be appointed with an appropriate rank in the research professor category.

See Comment Above. Why not simply hire as Assistant Professor and within the specific hiring guideline have it written that it's mostly on the Research Level?