

Response from Provost Kent Fuchs - January 26, 2011
Climate of Academic Integrity and Purchase of Turnitin Resolutions

I am writing in response to the two December 8, 2010, resolutions of the Faculty Senate regarding academic integrity. The first resolution is entitled **“Educational Policy Committee Resolution Calling for Cornell University to Create an Initiative to Develop Approaches to a Climate of Academic Integrity,”** and the second is entitled **“EPC Resolution on Cornell Purchasing a University-wide License for Turnitin.”**

First, I would like to thank the Educational Policy Committee and the Faculty Senate for their consideration of the issues around academic integrity and for their formulation of these approaches. I agree that academic dishonesty presents a significant challenge at Cornell and at other colleges and universities across the U.S. and that the most effective response begins with a proactive, educational initiative, and includes a means of detection and deterrence.

Thus, I have charged Vice Provost Laura Brown to create an initiative to promote academic integrity, and to pursue the additional option of providing access to the web-based detection tool, Turnitin. We will begin planning for this initiative immediately and will expect to initiate programming during 2011-12.