

Resolution on Dates of Commencement

Whereas the proposed dates for Cornell Commencement have been put forward by the Dean of the Faculty for academic years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, and

Whereas it is the obligation and prerogative of the University Faculty to consider questions of educational policy which concern more than one college or school, and

Whereas the Senate Committee on Educational Policy has reviewed the proposed academic calendars for those academic years,

Therefore be it resolved that

The University Faculty Senate endorses the proposed dates for Cornell Commencement, namely Sundays May 26, 2002, May 25, 2003, May 30, 2004 and May 29, 2005.

Rationale Regarding Resolution on Commencement

The Dean of the Faculty, in consort with the Provost, has put together proposed academic calendars through the year 2004-2005. These are attached for your reference. The Senate Committee on Educational Policy has been asked to review these and bring resolutions to the Senate that either endorse the calendars as presented or propose changes.

That Committee continues to discuss several issues (particularly the observance of Labor Day and the length of the first half of the Spring Semester) and is preparing a document for distribution to the Senate and Student Assembly in that regard.

However, many constituencies of the University - trustees, students, parents, staff - have a need to confirm the dates of Cornell Commencement for this upcoming years. Given that none of the changes being considered by the Committee would affect the date of Commencement, we are bringing this very specific resolution to the Senate at this time.