

## SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION

Items were discussed at the March 13, 2019 meeting of the Faculty Senate, and this resolution was considered at the April 17, 2019 meeting.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Senate to provide substantive, voted upon feedback about issues that come before the Senate, and

WHEREAS, the Dean of Faculty and Associate Dean of Faculty, in consultation with the University Faculty Committee, will identify themes from the Senate discussion and draft statements capturing the broad sentiment of the Senate about key issues that were discussed, and

WHEREAS, the Senate will consider, amend if necessary, and vote to adopt these Sense of the Senate statements,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sense of the Senate on the issues brought to the Senate on March 13, 2019 is:

1. The Senate applauds the creation of a university core values statement. The Senate encourages Faculty to provide feedback on the draft statement that has been created here: <https://president.cornell.edu/initiatives/university-core-values/>. During the discussion, Senators expressed several key values that should be considered for integration into the draft statement:
  - a. Defense of academic freedom, with the acknowledgement that such freedom comes with responsibility
  - b. Commitment to the public good and improving the human condition through research, teaching, and engagement; emphasis on land grant mission
  - c. Promotion of diversity and inclusion throughout all university operations
  - d. Valuing of shared governance as a collective decision making process that guides the university
  - e. Dedication to sustainable development, both in local university operations and in research, teaching, and engagement activities.
2. The Senate supports the suggestion made by President Pollack that all applicants to Cornell university degree programs be asked to attest that they wrote their application essays themselves.
3. The Senate applauds the creation of the Staff Appreciation Portal (<https://cornellappreciation.awardco.com/>) as one means for Cornell community members to acknowledge the many ways staff members contribute to the core missions of Cornell. The Senate encourages faculty to make use of this new channel.
4. The Senate supports President Pollack's plan to reevaluate the relationship between Cornell University and eCornell. The Senate asks that the President's review utilize appropriate Senate standing committees and other shared governance processes throughout the review and through any subsequent changes.