Update on Social Sciences

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Why Is It So Important?
And
Why Policy?

• Repeatedly cited in internal and external reviews
• Importance of the Social Sciences to Address Challenges
• Policy Expertise Increasingly Important in a Complex World
• Balance for a Great University
So What's Wrong?

1) Cornell's Social Sciences Faculty are Underrecognized
2) Dispersed and Loosely Connected Groups
3) Lack a Comprehensive Data Center
4) Policy Department (PAM) Competing with Schools and Colleges
5) Policy Graduate Program (CIPA) Challenged
6) Mixed Funding Incentives/Support
The Process

2016
- Internal Committee Begins Review
- SS Review/Announced/Discussions with Faculty

2017
- External Committee Report

2018
- Faculty Comment And College/Dept Town Halls
- Faculty Discussions Held through Fall 2018
- Committee Discussions with SS Groups
- Committee Formed to Respond to Fall 2018 Recommendations
- Reports of Organizational, Ideas, Infrastructure Committees

2019
- SS Faculty
- Update to SS Implementation Committees
- HE Meetings (Fac/Staff/Stud)
Provost Meetings

• Meetings with Faculty Senate 2016 – present
• Discussions at UFC
• Meetings with College Faculty and Departments
• Meetings with Advisory Councils – HE, CALS, ILR, A&S
• Presentations to Trustees
• Meetings with Committee Chairs
• Meetings with Deans
# Fall Semester Activities

## Individual Meetings
- **Mike Lovenheim** - Chair Economics, 8/21
- **Poppy McLeod** - Chair Communication, 8/26
- **Jason Frank** - Chair of Government, 9/4
- **Yasser Gowayed** - Chair FSAD, 9/9
- **Alex Colvin** - Dean ILR, 10/29
- **David Shmoys** - Dir. Data Science Ctr, 10/30
- **Ray Jayawardhana** - Dean CAS, 11/4
- **Eduardo Penalver** - Dean Law, 11/5
- **David Lodge** - Director ASSF, 11/7

## Department Meetings
- **Government** - 10/1
- **PAM** - 10/9
- **FSAD / DEA** - 10/17, 10/23
- **Nutritional Sciences** - 10/25
- **Human Development** - 10/28

## Dept meetings w/ Super-departments
- **Psychology** - 12/4
- **Human Development** - 12/9
- **Economics** - 12/11
- **PAM – Economists** - 11/13
- **PAM – Sociologists** - 11/13
- **Sociology** tbd

## Group Meetings
- **CHE Prospective Students** - 8/19
- **Senior Leadership Retreat** - 8/27
- **Arts and Science Chairs** - 8/28
- **CHE Admissions Staff** - 9/5
- **Field of Public Affairs** - 9/26
- **Vice Provosts** - 10/14
- **CHE Students** - 10/29
- **Jon Burdick and Lisa Nishii** - 10/30
- **Ass, Academic Deans/VPUE** - 12/19
- **Faculty Senate** - 11/13 and 12/11

## Committee Meetings
- **Biweekly** - May-December
  - Summer 2019
  - Fall 2019 Semester

## Listening Sessions
- **CHE Students** - 11/18
- **CHE Alumni Webinar** - 11/19
- **Government Department** - 11/19
- **Open Session for Cornell Community** - 11/19
- **Open Session for Cornell Community** - 11/20
- **PAM** - 11/20
- **CHE Staff** - 11/21
- **DNS** - 11/21
- **Economics** - 11/22
- **DEA / FSAD** - 11/22
- **HD** - 11/25
- **CHE Educational Policy Committee** - 11/25
- **COB Faculty** - 12/2

## Subcommittees
- **Policy Vision Subcommittee**
- **Psychology Super-Department Subcommittee**
- **Sociology Super-Department Subcommittee**
- **Economics Super-Department Subcommittee**

## Meetings with Leadership
- **Weekly chairs meetings with Provost**
- **Meetings with Dean Human Ecology**
What

1. Cornell Social Sciences Center Created
   - Reports to VP Research
   - Combines Data Resources
   - Incentivizes/Facilitates Extramural Applications

2. Form either a Policy School or Reframe Human Ecology

3. Unify Disciplines through Super Department Formation/Expansion
1. Interim Report on Super-Departments Sent to Departments – early November
2. Additional Consultation with Faculty Senate on Public Policy – November 13
3. Interim recommendation of Public Policy Committee widely released in November for feedback
4. Listening Sessions scheduled for week of November 18th
5. Final report on Public Policy and Super-departments to Pres/Prov by Dec 2019
6. Discussions with University Leadership and College Stakeholders
7. Additional Consultation with Faculty Senate
8. President and Provost Decision and Implementation Plan in Spring Semester