15:49:21 From Ken Birman to Everyone: A concrete example that might impact our faculty members there would be any mention of Taiwan. In a hotel business program you can easily imagine a dialog about challenges of investing in properties in China if your company also wants a presence in Taiwan. But that could easily be an illegal topic to raise in China... so the faculty member could end up in dialog with the administration, or even arrested if their comments in class were taken to be an effort to promote an illegal political view...


15:51:57 From Eli Friedman to Everyone: And here is a first hand account of the MeToo activist: https://chinadigitaltimes.net/2018/04/translation-open-letter-on-peking-university-metoo-case/


15:52:41 From Eli Friedman to Everyone: And a detailed account of repression against the labor activist students: https://madeinchinajournal.com/2019/05/27/orwell-in-the-chinese-classroom/

15:55:44 From Thomas Björkman to Everyone: A dual-degree program should presumably be resilient to changes in national leadership and national polices. If you have an agreeable administration when a program is established, but a disagreeable one assumes power, what should be the criteria for terminating or suspending it? That is something we need to be prepared for in any country.


15:59:10 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone: I agree Thomas that these are things we need to discuss, yet I also think it unlikely that dual-degree programs "should presumably be resilient to changes in national leadership and national polices...."


16:01:10 From TJ Hinrichs to Everyone: Censorship: https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2019/04/19/another-case-censorship-china-studies-journal

16:01:24 From TJ Hinrichs to Everyone: Zoom surveillance: https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2020/12/18/zoom-helped-china-surveillance/

16:01:47 From TJ Hinrichs to Everyone: • https://www.voanews.com/usa/china-sensitive-topics-us-universities-draw-more-online-harassment

16:02:19 From TJ Hinrichs to Everyone: • https://www.scmp.com/magazines/post-magazine/long-reads/article/3091643/how-strained-us-china-relations-are-playing-out

16:02:43 From TJ Hinrichs to Everyone: •
16:10:55 From Thomas Björkman to Everyone: CAU-food science “irregularities” provision seems valuable. Experience with that is likely to be informative.

16:14:25 From Paul Soloway to Jill Short(Direct Message): I’ll need to leave early. Not sure if there is a vote today. If so, can I vote later?


16:23:00 From Connie Yuan to Everyone: Islam in China

16:23:38 From Andre Kessler to Everyone: thank you very much, Connie

16:23:47 From Christine Leuenberger to Everyone: Thank you Connie Yuan for your very valuable perspective!

16:27:21 From Chris Schaffer to Everyone: Clearly, it would be helpful to hear from the Director of the Cornell China Center...

16:27:35 From Eli Friedman to Everyone: Agreed!


16:28:46 From Connie Yuan to Everyone: 2014 Kunming attack


16:30:42 From Shannon Gleeson to Everyone: could we circulate research based or investigative journalistic links (understanding the limitations therein as well)? im not sure how to parse wiki summaries.

16:30:44 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone: TJ-- in addition to the presumption of surveillance on zoom, it’s also more difficult to discuss facts or anything when points of view are polarized

16:32:00 From Seema Golestaneh to Everyone: https://uhrp.org/uhrp-reports

16:33:23 From Carl Franck to Everyone: Many thanks to our panelists for their replies


16:35:49 From Seema Golestaneh to Everyone: Many scholars of Islam in China have categorized this as a genocide - Rian Thum, Gardner Bovingdon, Elise Anderson, Guangtian Ha, and more


16:40:43 From Peter Katzenstein to Everyone: If we have anybody from the Cornell China Center here I would love to hear about the experience of the Center
16:40:53 From Connie Yuan to Everyone: I think that the truth lies somewhere in between. China has more than six ethnic Muslim groups. It was really because of the extensive number of terrorist attacks carried out by extremist Uighur Muslims against other Muslim groups, Han Chinese and other ethnic groups that this internment/re-education camps were established. What happened afterwards deserves closer watch for sure.


16:47:23 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone: But David, in his presentation to the senate on feb 24, Alex Susskind was clear that one of the reasons driving the development of the program was its potential to make money and be lucrative.

16:48:48 From Richard Bensel to Everyone: Actually, the Hotel School emphasized the monetary dimension without much discussion of students...I gathered, from that discussion, that was their primary motivation...

16:51:54 From Richard Bensel to Everyone: With respect to Risa's complicity point, we should remember that Cornell's participation in this program will indicate to Chinese students that the situation in Xinjiang is not important to a democracy...

16:52:05 From Neil Saccamano to Everyone: But there is genocide, all the same. I guess that's inconvenient.

16:54:31 From David Liu to Everyone: A significant number of the classes at Peking University (especially in the field of religion/history) have national security agents sit in. The university does not have much autonomy. The principle is outpowered by the secretary assigned appointed by the party at the university.

16:58:38 From Ken Birman to Everyone: Could we perhaps debate and hopefully pass a sense of the senate motion to the effect that we endorse and support the principle that international collaborations and programs broaden and strengthen Cornell and are valuable for the students.

16:58:59 From Ken Birman to Everyone: Basically: Engagement is better than disengagement...

16:59:04 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone: That's not my sense of the senate, Ken.


16:59:17 From Richard Bensel to Everyone: Nor mine...

16:59:35 From Carl Franck to Everyone: I agree, this wasn't vetted.

16:59:42 From Fengqi You to Everyone: I agree with Ken.

16:59:48 From Shannon Gleeson to Everyone: Could we also share what the university contingency plans are if our students/faculty are placed in danger. I know this is a general process that risk management has in place, but could be good to hear more about the resources available (or not).

16:59:49 From Ken Birman to Everyone: Well, it certainly is mine -- provided that our faculty are adequately protected.
16:59:51 From Fengqi You to Everyone: One more question - can we learn anything from Cornell's Qatar campus?

17:00:00 From Fengqi You to Everyone: with regard to international collaboration, etc.?

17:00:40 From Courtney Roby to Everyone: A SoS on "collaboration is good" doesn't seem like the "baby steps" approach...

17:01:43 From Robert Travers to Everyone: I agree with your point Courtney

17:01:55 From Connie Yuan to Everyone: I think that the policy should allow flexibility

17:02:41 From Beth Milles to Everyone: Thank you!

17:02:42 From Maria Gandolfo Nixon to Everyone: Thank you so much to the four panelists, I learnt a lot today.

17:02:51 From Courtney Roby to Everyone: Yes, thanks so much to you all!

17:02:53 From Buz Barstow to Everyone: Thanks also from me to the panelists! I learned a lot!

17:02:54 From Carl Franck to Everyone: Thanks all, wish I could stay!

17:02:55 From Oren Falk to Everyone: thanks panelists, thanks everyone

17:02:55 From Bruno Xavier to Everyone: Great discussion. Thank you all!

17:03:03 From Beth Milles to Everyone: So helpful

17:03:13 From Buz Barstow to Everyone: Also, I don’t think non-engagement with China is an option.

17:03:24 From Buz Barstow to Everyone: We’ve got to engage.

17:03:25 From Connie Yuan to Everyone: +1

17:03:35 From Joanie Mackowski to Everyone: thanks everyone for this discussion-- thanks to all the panelists