Wendy Wilcox (she/her): Wendy Wilcox, Library
Donald Kenkel: Don Kenkel, Brooks School of Public Policy
Alex Nading: Alex Nading, Anthropology
Risa Lieberwitz: Risa Lieberwitz, ILR Senator
Richard Bensel: Richard Bensel, Government
Stephen Vider: Stephen Vider, History
Steven Jackson: Steve Jackson, Information Science
Jason Kovari (he/him): Jason Kovari, Library
Kelly Hume: Kelly Hume, Clinical Sciences
Jonathan Russell-Anelli: Jonathan Russell-Anelli, Soil Science
Martha Field: Martha Field, Nutritional Sciences
Yuval Grossman: Yuval Grossman, Physics
Louis Longchamps: Louis Longchamps, Soil and Crop Sci, CALS
Warren Bailey: Warren Bailey, Johnson Graduate School of Management
Nancy Pollak: Nancy Pollak, Comparative Literature
Ken Birman: Ken Birman, Computer Science
Buz Barstow: Buz Barstow, BEE
Malte Ziewitz: Sign-in: Malte Ziewitz, Science & Technology Studies
Maria Gonzalez Pendas: Maria Gonzalez Pendas, Architecture, AAP
David Zax: David Zax, Chemistry & Chemical Biology
Harold Hodes: Sign-in: H Hodes, PHIL
Rhonda Gilmore: Sign-in: Rhonda Gilmore, Human Centered Design Department
Courtney Roby: Courtney Roby, Classics
Laurent Dubreuil: Signing in: Laurent Dubreuil, Romance Studies
Alexandra Blackman: Alexandra Blackman, Government
Durba Ghosh: Durba Ghosh, serving as alternate for Oren Falk, history
Bruno Xavier: Bruno Xavier, food science
Steve Marschner: Steve Marschner, computer science
Rajesh Bhaskaran: Sign in: Rajesh Bhaskaran, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Jeanne Varney: Jeanne Varney, JCB

Jill Short: Thank you to all Senators for signing in via chat.

mary katzenstein: signing in: mary fainsod katzenstein, Govt but representing CAPE

Andrea Stevenson Won: New faculty orientation would be great!

David Lee: David Lee, Dyson School

Roxanne Marino: New Senator orientation is a very good idea, thanks

Wendy Wilcox (she/her): I would love to see all the Faculty Senate Committees submit an annual report so we can read about their activities

Richard Bensel: That is an excellent idea, Wendy!

Neema Kudva: OMG — writing from India ... Eve, thank you. I'm touched and honored.

Durba Ghosh: It is the middle of the night in India! Go to sleep!

Wendy Wilcox (she/her): Thank you Neema!

Mark Lewis (he/him/his): Congrats Neema!

Mark Lewis (he/him/his): Thank you!

Steven Jackson: Congrats Neema, and well earned. Thank you.

Wendy Wilcox (she/her): Chat is a problem for anyone attending in person. I have attended several in person meetings and ended up logging into the meeting to watch the chat.

Jonathan Russell-Anelli: @Wendy. I agree but I bring my laptop because I didn't/don't want to lose the content

Jill Short: As an example of annual reports for committees, see this webpage https://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/committees/standing-senate-committees/capp-current/

Wendy Wilcox (she/her): Thanks Jill and Eve!

Stephen Vider: thank you

Lisa Nishi: One point of clarification: the eligibility criteria would be the same across colleges/schools; however, the colleges would play an important role in reviewing the student's progress toward degree and conferring with the student's academic department to determine if eligibility criteria have been met.

Wendy Wilcox (she/her): Thanks Robert. I agree that this isn't reducing the emphasis on grades among the undergraduates.
01:37:01 David Zax: we also feel this will increase the emphasis on finding high mean grade courses. who does that serve?

01:38:55 Alexandra Blackman: There was a concern in our department that issuing honors at the college level would favor certain majors. Some suggested to issue honors to the top 5%, etc within each department

01:40:10 Martha Field: Is there a concern that this will make students MORE competitive with each other?

01:41:11 Richard Bensel: Picking up on Alexandra's comment, the Department of Government felt that departments should be allowed to set higher standards for honors than the College of Arts and Sciences at large. That would help stem the "race to the bottom" on grades which has run rampant at Cornell over the last ten years or so.

01:49:30 Lisa Nishii: @Richard, departments can set higher standards for the scholarship-based honors (honors, high honors, and highest honors) if they would like.

01:51:58 Richard Bensel: Thanks, Lisa! Our suggestion was that competition between departments via grades would further increase grade inflation so we suggested that departments be allocated a given number of slots and, if they so wished, make fewer awards and set higher standards across the board.

01:52:33 Wendy Wilcox (she/her): When was this resolution introduced to the faculty senate?

01:52:37 Richard Bensel: I wonder if we could have the resolution in the form that it was submitted for this session.

01:55:25 Richard Bensel: What is the purpose of presenting the unrevised version of the resolution? That was not what the sponsors submitted. And we could eliminate all the colors on the right. Resolutions should be considered in exactly the form that they were presented for the session.

01:59:24 Wendy Wilcox (she/her): Thank you Durba. I wholeheartedly agree. It feels like certain members of the Senate do not appreciate the more diverse voices.

02:01:51 Richard Bensel: Durba...The original resolution was introduced almost all nine months ago. And, yes, we revised it over that time. But both the manipulation of slides by the UFC and the attribution of motive is outrageous. The original resolution was a response to the problems in the Faculty Senate the previous spring.

02:03:46 Wendy Wilcox (she/her): I also disagree that the faculty senate should approve the nominations committee. We elect members of the nominations committee. We do not elect each department's senator.

02:04:13 Wendy Wilcox (she/her): *nomination committee members of the ad hoc committees
Durba Ghosh: @AlexNading: I agree. I would hope that faculty senators could consult their department colleagues and solicit their views. From my colleagues in the Arts College and in ILR, I understand a number of faculty senators don't consult the folks who voted for them as representatives.

Alex Nading: @Durba: I was not voted on, and I am not aware that my department elects its senator (but I am new). I share senate business (including a reminder that Senators must be elected) via email; it is not a regular agenda item in faculty meetings. But I am aware that many senators do not do this work to bring colleagues and act as their representatives.

Durba Ghosh: My department has a regular protocol of sharing our views regarding the issues facing the senate, either by email or in department meetings. We "elect" by voting but not usually contested ;)

Kathryn Caggiano: As an RTE representative for ENG, it is difficult to bring Senate issues to a constituency when there is not even a listserv (in ENG or University-wide) for RTE faculty.