Greetings from your CALS Faculty Executive Committee (CFEC). As a reminder, CFEC replaced the CALS Faculty Senate.

We voted unanimously in support of the Cornell/CAU Food Science Joint Degree. Olga Padilla-Zakour and Martin Wiedmann visited us from Food Science to further discuss the proposal for a Cornell/CAU (China Agricultural University) joint degree program in Food Science. We were informed that the Food Science faculty voted to move forward with the program if 3 conditions were addressed: 1) a distinct degree name 2) detailed quality control process and 3) guarantee of protection of academic freedom for students and faculty. All three issues were resolved since that vote. The CFEC was satisfied by the answers to our concerns and questions. We voted to move the proposal forward to the University Senate, with the inclusion of another Food Science faculty vote to formalize their satisfaction with the 3 conditions being resolved. The CFEC was very excited about the role that Cornell can play in a growing food safety crisis in China and surrounding food exports from China.

CALS Standing Committees are under review. We are in the process of reviewing the standing CALS committees, we will ask one committee chair to visit per CFEC meeting.

Upcoming challenges and discussions: The Cornell public syllabus upload system is having challenges, CFEC needs a process for writing bylaws.

OTHER DETAILS:

In Room: Jim Blankenship, Bruce Reisch, Sahara Byrne, Jennifer Grant, Michael Mazourek, Eric Alani, Mingming Wu, Max Pfeffer, Don Viands, Martin Wiedmann (Presenter)
Via Zoom: Olga Padilla-Zakour (Presenter), Norman Scott (Visitor)

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Max Pfeffer and Don Viands are also in attendance at the CFEC meetings.

**WANT TO VISIT?** We will send out an agenda the week before our regularly scheduled meetings, which take place the second Thursday of each month at 3:30-5pm. These meetings are listed on our website at [https://cals.cornell.edu/about/leadership/executive-dean/cfec/](https://cals.cornell.edu/about/leadership/executive-dean/cfec/) and are open for faculty that wish to visit in person or via Zoom. If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please email us 8 days before the next scheduled meeting. Additionally, you may request a three-minute time slot in the meeting to bring up an issue. Do this by being present in person or Zoom at 3:30 and making yourself known when we ask if anyone is requesting to speak in the open session.