HELLO CALS FACULTY! We are your recently elected (by you) CALS Faculty Executive Committee (CFEC). CFEC replaces the CALS Faculty Senate. Please read below and stay tuned for the latest news on issues possibly relevant to you. We welcome your input.

JUST THE GOOD STUFF. *MiniMinutes* is our attempt at a brief & useful newsletter about our meetings.

HOW CFEC WORKS. We are figuring this out in our first few meetings and will be writing bylaws.

WE WERE VISITED! The former CALS Faculty Senate Executive Committee visited us to talk about the evolution of this new system of governance.

WHY REPLACE THE FACULTY SENATE WITH CFEC? The Faculty Senate was too big, representation was low, and it was very difficult for the group to achieve a quorum to reach decisions. You all voted in favor of the CFEC and then elected us to serve. So we became smaller and hopefully more efficient and effective.

WHO’S IN CHARGE OF CFEC: Jim Blankenship has offered to be the interim chair, for one year as we figure things out. The rest of us are listed below.

IT’S UP TO YOU! Our job is to increase efficiency and transparency. You’ll get *MicroMinutes* as rarely as possible, but as often as needed. We will sometimes ask for your thoughts and attach materials for review. When we do, it’s up to you to participate within the time frame, usually one week. If the feedback from faculty indicates that the issue is controversial or there is a pattern of opposition, we will consider it for a college-wide vote. If there is little or nothing in the way of opposition, we will proceed with resolving the issue within the CFEC.

SO LET’S TRY IT…
THE FIRST ISSUE. The CALS Curriculum Committee (reps from all majors) has vetted, discussed, and voted in support of a policy to reduce the total number of AP credits accepted toward graduation from 30 to 15 and limit the writing credits to ONE course if the AP score is a 5. The full proposal can be viewed at [https://cals.cornell.edu/sites/cals.cornell.edu/files/shared/documents/executive-dean/AP_Credits_Proposal.pdf](https://cals.cornell.edu/sites/cals.cornell.edu/files/shared/documents/executive-dean/AP_Credits_Proposal.pdf). You have one week from the send date of this email to leave your comments on our anonymous feedback system at [https://cornell.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ahG4rBzuAA8RzjT](https://cornell.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ahG4rBzuAA8RzjT).

WE’VE GOT STUFF TO DO: Create Bylaws, review standing committees, review CALS/CHINA Food Science major.
Nitty Gritty Details:
-The members of former CALS Faculty Senate Executive Committee who visited us are Mark Wysocki, Rebecca Schneider and Janice Thies.
-Mingming was not present. Bruce and Jennifer were Zoomed in.

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