U.A. Resolution #29

Thanking Dean of Faculty Charles Van Loan for Outstanding Service to Shared Governance

May 11th, 2021

Sponsored by: David Dunham, President, Graduate & Professional Student Assembly; Thomas Fox, Ranking Member, University Assembly; Logan Kenney, Chair, University Assembly; Pilar Villablanca Thompson, Vice Chair of Operations, University Assembly

Whereas, Dean of Faculty Charles Van Loan has served honorably during his tenure as Dean from 2016 until 2021, undertaking many substantial initiatives in the service of the Cornell University community; and

Whereas, Dean Van Loan has regularly engaged the community when addressing questions of campus-wide concern, having always sought the perspectives of students and employees while representing faculty interests; and

Whereas, from 2017-2018, Dean Van Loan co-chaired the Consensual Relationships Policy Committee, which worked across constituent and disciplinary boundaries to develop improved policies toward relationships between faculty and students; and

Whereas, from 2018-2019, Dean Van Loan chaired the Committee on Academic Title-Holder Representation, which worked across constituents to address the clear status, rights and representation of more than one thousand academic title holders across campus which was passed in a March 2019 vote by the University Faculty; and

Whereas, since 2020, Dean Van Loan has led the Faculty Senate in developing proposals for the creation of an Antiracism Center at Cornell (Working Group C), as well as educational requirements for students (Working Group S) and faculty (Working Group F), which has demonstrated substantial contributions toward engaging anti-racism efforts in our community; and

Whereas, Dean Van Loan has demonstrated crucial leadership during the 2020-21 coronavirus pandemic, defending the voice of faculty in the university’s decision to hold a hybrid instruction modality in the 2020-21 academic year.

Be it therefore resolved, that the University Assembly sincerely thanks Dean Charles Van Loan for his outstanding and unbiased service to shared governance and cross campus
constituents; and

Be it finally resolved, that the University Assembly recognizes and expresses gratitude for Dean Van Loan’s meaningful contributions to the university.

Passed unanimously by the University Assembly with 14-0-0