

## U.A. Resolution #29

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

*May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

1 **Sponsored by:** David Dunham, President, Graduate & Professional Student Assembly;  
2 **Thomas Fox, Ranking Member, University Assembly; Logan Kenney, Chair, University**  
3 **Assembly; Pilar Villablanca Thompson, Vice Chair of Operations, University Assembly**  
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5 **Whereas,** Dean of Faculty Charles Van Loan has served honorably during his tenure as Dean  
6 from 2016 until 2021, undertaking many substantial initiatives in the service of the  
7 Cornell University community; and  
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9 **Whereas,** Dean Van Loan has regularly engaged the community when addressing questions of  
10 campus-wide concern, having always sought the perspectives of students and employees  
11 while representing faculty interests; and  
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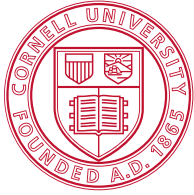
13 **Whereas,** from 2017-2018, Dean Van Loan co-chaired the Consensual Relationships Policy  
14 Committee, which worked across constituent and disciplinary boundaries to develop  
15 improved policies toward relationships between faculty and students; and  
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17 **Whereas,** from 2018-2019, Dean Van Loan chaired the Committee on Academic Title-Holder  
18 Representation, which worked across constituents to address the clear status, rights and  
19 representation of more than one thousand academic title holders across campus which  
20 was passed in a March [2019](#) vote by the University Faculty; and  
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22 **Whereas,** since 2020, Dean Van Loan has led the Faculty Senate in developing proposals for the  
23 creation of an Antiracism Center at Cornell ([Working Group C](#)), as well as educational  
24 requirements for students ([Working Group S](#)) and faculty ([Working Group F](#)), which has  
25 demonstrated substantial contributions toward engaging anti-racism efforts in our  
26 community; and  
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28 **Whereas,** Dean Van Loan has demonstrated crucial leadership during the 2020-21 coronavirus  
29 pandemic, defending the voice of faculty in the university's decision to hold a hybrid  
30 instruction modality in the 2020-21 academic year.  
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32 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the University Assembly sincerely thanks Dean Charles Van Loan  
33 for his outstanding and unbiased service to shared governance and cross campus



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34 constituents; and

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

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