I'm Bruce Lewenstein, the speaker of the faculty senate. As usual, I want to remind you that there are no photos or recording devices of any kind during the meeting. We will have one exception today, which is that during the dean of the faculty debate, only that portion of the meeting will be videotaped. And that videotape will be made available on CornellCast as quickly as possible; we hope within a day or so.

“I want to ask everyone to remember to turn off your cell phones, tablets, pagers, beepers, anything that makes noise when you turn it on or open it up. Remind the body that speakers have priority in speaking, although other faculty members may speak, and only senators or their designated alternates may vote.

“When there is Q&A, we will ask you to please identify yourself and your department when you speak and to wait for the microphones, which are here in the aisles. As usual, we'll be asking people during normal parts of the meeting to limit your questions to two minutes. There will be a different time setup during the faculty debate, which Sam Nelson will describe later, when we get there.

“There have been no requests for any Good and Welfare items, and therefore I will take the two minutes allocated to that and add it to the general open discussion that's scheduled for the last now ten minutes of the meeting.