

Recall our resolution of Nov. 13, 2019:

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- ...Whereas the University has been changing course grades without notifying the instructor of record and, thus, without the consent of the instructor...Whereas faculty determination of course grades is a fundamental right of the faculty as stated in the Faculty Handbook, Whereas grading policy is a fundamental part of the educational policy of the University...
- **Resolved, that the University administration work with the Faculty Senate to incorporate such changes into the University grading policy.**
- At that discussion, we asked for more information about administrative-led grade-changes to guide us in proposing changes to University grading policy. We learned that roughly 5 cases per semester involve Title IX, University Counsel, or Cornell Health, and that in these cases grades are changed without the consent of the instructor.
- **Our faculty's concern is if the resolution passes, because the involved faculty are unlikely to report such incidents to us, we will not know the continuing scope and scale of the problems.**

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Additionally, in order to facilitate the essential role of the Faculty Senate in supervising educational policy related to grading, each academic unit shall report and the Dean of Faculty shall convey to the Faculty Senate annually the total counts of retroactive grade-changes originated by Cornell Health, the Title IX office, the University Counsel, or through any other means, respectively, along with a general explanation of the respective reasons for such changes whether by administrative mechanisms or by faculty consent.

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- The amended resolution allows us to learn at least the counts of Title IX, University Counsel, or Cornell Health initiated cases, as well as the reasons in general terms.
 - It is possible for units to provide us with more information, and also possible for the Senate to ask for more data in a future resolution.
- If the amended resolution passes, the Senate can still take further action to address the underlying issues, and the Senate can still ask for more detailed reporting.
 - The impetus for further reporting or action will be heightened if we find out that the number of administrative interventions increases, depending on the qualitative reasons given.

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