David Lee: David Lee, Dyson School, JCB & Faculty-elected Trustee
Kevin Ernste: Kevin Ernste, Music (Faculty Senator)
Martha Field: Martha Field, Nutritional Sciences
Bill Miller: Bill Miller SIPS/Horticulture
Roxanne Marino: Roxanne Marino, EEB
David Field: David Field, Psychology
Dan Buckley: Dan Buckley, Microbiology
Christine Holmes (she/her): Christine Holmes, Postdoctoral Studies
Julia Finkelstein: Julia Finkelstein, Nutritional Sciences
Courtney Roby: Courtney Roby, Classics
Andrew Campana: Andrew Campana, Asian Studies
Angelika Kraemer: Angelika Kraemer, CAS RTE
Rhiannon Griffiths: Rhiannon Griffiths, Math
Robin Dando: Robin Dando, Food Science
Itziar Rodriguez de Rivera: Itziar Rodriguez de Rivera, Romance Studies
Annetta Alexandridis: Annetta Alexandridis, History of Art
Elizabeth Lamb (she, her): Elizabeth Lamb CALS
Taryn Bauerle: Taryn Bauerle- Horticulture
S.C. Pryor: Sara C Pryor, EAS
Debbie Cherney: Debbie Cherney, Animal Science
JR Keller (Cornell): JR Keller, Human Resource Studies
Murillo Campello: Murillo Campello - Johnson College of Business
Ashleigh Newman: Ashleigh Newman, at large / Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences
Amiel Bize: Amiel Bize, Anthropology
Jonathon Schuldt: Jonathon Schuldt, Communication
Marie Ozanne: Marie Ozanne, JCB
Abby Cohn: Abby Cohn, faculty elected trustee
Denise Ramzy: Denise Ramzy, Dyson/JCB, RTE
Richard Bensel: On October 15, 2023, Russell Rickford addressed a rally on the Ithaca Commons. He spoke as a private citizen. On October 17, President Pollack and the Board of Trustees condemned Russell Rickford’s comments as “reprehensible.” The statement ended with this passage: “The university is taking this incident seriously and is currently reviewing it consistent with our procedures.”

Richard Bensel: This statement can only be interpreted as a veiled threat and several days later Russell Rickford took a leave of absence and a colleague assumed his teaching responsibilities for the remainder of the semester. He is now on an extended leave of absence this semester as well.

Richard Bensel: During the Faculty Forum on February 28, the Dean of Faculty made the following remarks (taken verbatim from the recording...the link is provided below...the passages appear between 36:20 and 37:28): “Nothing has happened to Russell Rickford. He has taken a leave of absence...I can say that to you [than nothing has happened] definitively...I can definitively tell you that nothing was held over his head. He personally decided to take a leave of absence and he is now on that leave of absence until the end of the academic year and no action has been taken by the university.”

Richard Bensel: Given this “definitive” knowledge of this incident and its subsequent repercussions, would you please describe the involvement of the Dean of Faculty office in the preparation of the October 17 statement released by President Pollack and the Board of Trustees?

Richard Bensel: Here is the link to the Faculty Forum (the relevant passages appear between 36:30 and 37:28).

Tamer Uyar: Tamer Uyar, Human Centered Design

Florentina Bunea: Florentina Bunea, Statistics and Data Science

Ari Broad: Here is my attendance: Ari Broad - 4th year PhD candidate in biochemistry. I am the UA Executive Vice Chair for Operations. I was invited by Eve DeRosa

Laurie Miller: Laurie Miller, Brooks

Richard Bensel: That response in no way answered the question that was posed: What was the involvement of Dean of Faculty office in the preparation of the October 17 statement released by President Pollack and the Board of Trustees?

Saida Hodzic: Saida Hodzic, Anthropology

Richard Bensel: I wonder if the Provost's insistence on the availability of full discussion is really persuasive. For example, at the February 20 Townhall, I posed a number of questions at the very beginning of the session that the Provost never answered, among them:

Did Title VI require the central administration to threaten Russell Rickford with punishment for comments as a private citizen off the Cornell campus?

When and in what circumstances would Cornell resist infringements on free speech and protest when they are imposed by government fiat?

Saida Hodzic: I would like to clarify that the IEP and its enforcement affect the vast majority of Cornellians negatively. Our teaching and research are negatively impacted by the process, content, and enforcement behind IEP.

Maria Gonzalez Pendas: Maria Gonzalez Pendas, Architecture

David Lee: It's Policy 4.1

Wendy Wilcox (she/her): I have a process question. If we are all members of the university assembly why are we not receiving updates on their meetings and agendas? I frankly was unaware that they were meeting and deciding on university-wide policies.

Saida Hodzic: Reacted to "I have a process que..." with 👍