

First-Year Experience Committee

The First-Year Experience Committee is a standing subcommittee of the Student Success Committee that guides the development and implementation of a coherent, innovative, and high quality first year program that supports the intellectual, personal, and interpersonal development of first-year students to be engaged members of the Cornell community.

(1) Functions

- (a) Fosters collaboration and integration between Student and Academic Affairs to develop the first-year experience program (including New Student Orientation, First-Year Seminar, and First-Year Writing Seminar) at Cornell from admission through the sophomore year.
- (b) Collects, synthesizes, and reports on the coordination and assessment of programs identified as part of the first-year experience and monitors first-to second-year retention (the FYE sub-committee may collaborate with the Curriculum Oversight Committee and Institutional Research on the assessment of first-year programs and collection of data).
- (c) Reviews outcomes related to the first-year experience and first-year students.
- (d) Recommends changes to existing programs, reviews and provides feedback on new initiatives, and develops new initiatives based on assessment evidence and literature regarding the first-year experience.
- (e) Presents the New Student Orientation schedule to the faculty for questions and comments no later than the first faculty meeting in Block 7, and publishes the final schedule prior to the first faculty meeting of Block 8.

(2) Structure

- (a) The chair of the First-Year Experience Committee is nominated by the Faculty Council Vice-Chair for a two-year, non-renewable term, staggered with the term of the Chair of the Student Success Committee. The chair must have three or more years of service as a full-time member of the faculty.
- (b) Two additional faculty members, one of whom is a librarian, are nominated by the Faculty Council Vice-Chair for two-year, renewable terms, staggered with the subcommittee chair's term.
- (c) The Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Student Life serve *ex officio*.

- (d) The first-year Class President or other student representative designated by Student Senate and one student NSO team member appointed by the Vice-President for Student Affairs serve on the committee.
- (e) The Coordinator of Academic Support and Advising and the Writing and Teaching Specialist serve as consultants.