The Committee on Academic Programs and Policies (CAPP) formally established one policy, screened five proposals for new academic programs/policies during the academic year 2010-2011, and accepted a consulting/advising role to the Provost on behalf of the University Faculty regarding Cornell's proposal to develop an "applied sciences and engineering" campus in New York City. Each of these line items are described briefly below.

I. Establishment of policy

By unanimous vote of its members, CAPP decided (in accordance with recent practice) that it normally will not need to screen minor intra-Field changes such as additions or alterations to concentrations before they are brought to the Senate. However, CAPP requests that the chair of CAPP be copied on such proposals, so that CAPP can request to review the proposal if there seems any cause for concern. The Senate of course also may choose to send such proposals to CAPP for review.

II. Proposals screened for new academic programs or policies

A. September 2010. CAPP recommended approval of the request of the Textiles field to change its name to Fiber Science & Apparel Design.

B. September 2010. CAPP recommended approval of the request of the Economics field to add a concentration in Health Economics to its PhD degree program. CAPP also noted that it would not need to be consulted on such intra-Field changes in future.

C. September 2010. CAPP recommended approval of the request of the Art field to add a concentration in Studio Art to its Master of Fine Arts degree program. CAPP also noted that it would not need to be consulted on such intra-Field changes in future.

D. March 2011. CAPP recommended approval of the request of the Johnson School to utilize the professorial title Clinical Professor according to the Senate's enabling legislation of 4 September 2002.

E. March 2011. CAPP recommended approval of a proposal for a new minor field in Sustainable Energy, open to MS and PhD students. The prospective DGS is Prof. Paulette Clancy (Chemical Engineering).
III. Acceptance of advising/consulting role on new NYC campus proposal

March 2011. By unanimous vote of its members, CAPP accepted Provost Kent Fuchs' request to serve on behalf of the University Faculty to provide advice and consultation regarding Cornell's proposal for a new applied sciences and engineering campus to be located in New York City. Cornell's proposal is being prepared in response to a 16 December 2010 request for proposals from the office of the Mayor and the New York City Development Corporation. As of this writing, CAPP has not yet been called on to serve in this capacity; our role is expected to begin in earnest over the summer of 2011.

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