

## CAPP Committee Report 2005-2006

The CAAP (Committee on Academic Programs and Policy) met concerning three agenda items during 2005-2006.

The first concerned a proposal to create a new graduate field minor entitled "Computational Science and Engineering". The proposal had previously received the endorsement of the General Committee of the Graduate School. The CAPP met in August 2005 and unanimously approved the proposed new minor. This was brought before the Faculty Senate as an agenda item at the September 14, 2005 meeting with a recommendation for approval. The Senate did subsequently approve this new minor.

A second consideration concerned a proposal by the Graduate Field of Architecture to make changes within an existing M. Arch II degree program. The CAPP did review the proposal and the Graduate School recommendations and unanimously endorsed the suggested changes. However, the proposal was returned to the Graduate School since the proposal itself (a suggested modification within an already existing degree program) did not require formal CAAP and Faculty Senate action.

A third activity of the CAAP was to draft a positive statement emphasizing the impressive breadth of Cornell's educational programs for possible consideration and inclusion in materials then being prepared by the Cornell Presidential Search Committee. This was accomplished and conveyed to the Committee via the Dean of the Faculty.

All other potential items brought to our attention by the General Committee of the Graduate School were deemed slight modifications of already existing and approved graduate degree programs. Therefore, they did not require formal consideration by the CAAP nor the Faculty Senate subsequent to endorsement by the Graduate School.

The CAAP operated without major challenges this past year. One concern is whether there were university academic program or policy changes that were potentially within the scope of consideration by CAAP and the Faculty Senate but that were not routed to the committee as they did not require graduate school approval.

Respectively submitted,

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