



Cornell University

Committee on Academic Programs and Policies
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The Committee on Academic Programs and Policies (CAPP) considered three requests during the academic year.

August to Sept 2018: University wide Migration Studies minor, proposed by the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies (Filiz Garlip (SOC) and Esra Alcan (ARCH).

Representing a group of fifteen faculty who are offering courses in migration, CAPP approved and forwarded the proposal with several caveats: [1] that a single faculty member should be identified as being "in charge," in the manner of a director of graduate studies, following the rules of the graduate school; [2] that principal faculty member be able to stipulate who would advise students and provide options for the content of the minor; and [3] that financial resources be tracked to support the minor.

January to February 2019: request for comments in the realignment and renaming of the Departments of Biological Statistics and Computational Biology.

As the changes were minor and well supported, CAPP had nothing to add, the proposal was approved and forwarded for posting.

February through April 2019: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences/China Agricultural University dual degree Food Science proposal.

After lengthy CAPP email discussion, a four point memo outlining the rationale for rejecting the proposal was forwarded. This led to a discussion at a full committee meeting May 10th in Day Hall with Senior Vice Provost John Silicano; Executive Dean Max Pfeffer; Professor Charles Francis Van Loan, Dean of the Faculty; and Professor Wendy Wolford, Vice Provost for International Affairs. The discussion affirmed that CAPP did have a role in evaluating proposals between any college and foreign universities or colleges, and observations were made about the wisdom of becoming involved with foreign universities whose government policies hold values at variance to those held by Cornell. A number of ideas for improvement in policy need to be improved, and suggestions for tailoring back this proposal were aired.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Tomlan".

Michael A. Tomlan,
Chair, CAPP