

**FINAL YEAR END REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICIES (CAP)  
MAY 15, 2015**

- I. **Proposals Assigned to CAP for Study and/or Comment by Faculty Council.** A number of academic proposals were assigned to CAP from FC during AY 2014-2015. These are listed below, along with their final outcomes.

- (1) **Transfer Policy for Students During the Transition Years to the New Core Curriculum.** CAP was asked to comment on this proposed policy. The final CAP report can be found on the FC Proposals website. This policy was administrative in nature and did not require a vote of the faculty.
- (2) **Proposal on the Future of the Outgoing University Core Committee.** The final CAP report on this proposal can be found on the FC Proposals website. The proposal went to a vote of the Faculty and passed 80-4-16.
- (3) **Proposal to establish a minor in Humanitarian Action and Technology (HAT).** The final CAP report can be found on the FC Proposals website. The proposal went to a vote of the Faculty and passed 78-28-19.
- (4) **Proposal for Revisions to the Original Core Document.** CAP requested revisions to the original proposal be considered. A revised proposal was received and the final CAP report on that revised proposal can be found on the FC Proposals website. The revised proposal went to a vote of the Faculty and passed 98-11-16.
- (5) **Proposal for Continuing Cohort Advising.** The Chair of CAP was involved in the discussions that led up to the final proposal as a member of the Provost Council and the Advisory Committee for the Office of Advising. The final CAP report can be found on the FC Proposals website. The proposal went to a vote of the Faculty and passed 86-28-13.
- (6) **Proposal for Establishing a Minor in Music.** CAP had many significant concerns regarding this proposal and returned it for revision/reconsideration.

II. **Activity on Issues Not Referred by Faculty Council**

- (1) **Potential Revision to the Protocol for Proposing Academic Programs.** With changes to the administrative structure of the University, it became clear that the Protocol needs to be revised regarding assessment - Kathleen Lis Dean's position had changed titles and the Director of Academic Assessment was added. These issues, as well as standardizing the terminology used (i.e. outcomes, objectives, goals, etc.) will need to be addressed in AY 2015-2016.

- (2) **Changes to the Honors Program.** The honors program director, Julia Karolle-Berg asked whether the proposed changes to the program that she had been working on needed approval from CAP and the Faculty. CAP and the FC Executive committee determined that they did not.
- (3) **Definitions of Programs, Majors, Minors, etc and Information to be Printed on Transcripts.** CAP members were invited to a meeting of the CAS Deans, to discuss issues related to what is printed on transcripts, the elimination of the term track, and establishment of standard definitions for academic programs, majors, minors, etc. Our input into the matter was that it did fall into the purview of CAP, and we suggested that chairs of departments be consulted regarding any changes. Many discussions occurred within the administration. The final decision communicated to the CAP Chair is that these definitions will be included in the next bulletin copy and that tracks are now going to be called concentrations. For example, a student completing the biochemistry track in Chemistry would be more properly called a B.S. degree in Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry. The only remaining concentration as a stand alone program is the Neuroscience Concentration.
- (4) **Other Mentions of New Programs, etc.** The CAP Chair also received inquiries during the year regarding submitting proposals for minors in poverty studies, islamic studies and italian studies. These may need to addressed next academic year.