

CAPP Meeting
February 16, 2015

Present: John Caraher, Katie Condry, Dave Guinee, Danielle Kane, Larry Stimpert, Scott Thede, Steve Timm,

Graduation Requirements Discussion:

We discussed graduation requirements and the proposed multi-cultural requirement. Two student forums were held, and relatively lightly attended. Students seemed interested in the option of having all first-year students taking the same class. They also discussed possibly requiring students to attend a certain number of swipe card events during their four years. Danielle gave feedback from her department (Sociology and Anthropology), which was skeptical of the six/seven experiences; most preferred a competency model. John reported that the English department was supportive of the seven experiences model. John has scheduled some open forums for faculty discussion prior to the March faculty meeting; after some discussion, we decided to continue with them. They are February 19, 11:30-12:30, Julian 159; and February 24, 4:00-5:00, Julian 147. There will be discussion at the faculty meeting, and other open meetings afterwards.

RAS Discussion:

We spent the rest of the meeting discussing RAS. We decided that departments should focus more on how the new position will have an overall impact on the department, instead of just listing what the new person would be doing. The RAS memo is on Google docs, everyone should feel free to edit it. The feeling seemed to be to making the memo simpler – getting rid of the bullet points in item #3, for example. We discussed possibly making RAS much more limited-scale this year, or eliminating it completely, because graduation requirements could be changing next year, but we are not planning that now. We are saying that members of departments submitting RAS proposals are not allowed to serve on RAS.

Other Discussion:

We wrapped up with a clarification of the ES statement that at least one ES credit must be earned in a DePauw-led Winter Term or May Term course, travel experience, or service learning program. This will be coming up for a vote at the faculty meeting. Finally, Larry passed out a flyer from the American Association of Colleges & Universities illustrating another possible approach to distribution requirements.