

CAPP meeting, January 26, 2015

Present: Caraher (chair), Thede, Kondry, Stimpert, Timm, Seaman, Viviescas, Kane, Guinee (recorder)

Discussion of how to present/plan the "M" requirement.

(Seaman repeated the argument that "M" is not descriptive of what we are attempting to create. "M" will be used below only as a placeholder for whatever we eventually decide upon.)

John distributed a copy of the Google doc on options for the M requirement.

Plan to discuss the various plans/options with the departments in February. Committee hopes to gather this information before February. Would like to announce at the faculty meeting what the plan will be for moving forward.

We will need to prepare a document for Departments with issues we would like to discuss with them.

Hoping to have an open forum some time in February and have a post-faculty-meeting discussion in March.

Current plan is to have John present the basic plans and CAPP's questions to the Chairs' meeting and ask them whether they would like a CAPP member to attend a department meeting or whether they would like to gather feedback or questions from department members to report to CAPP.

How should we gather student opinions? February 8 (?) is the DSG assembly meeting. It would be useful to have more than one open meeting with students. Student representatives are working on finding times and reserving space.

It would be nice to have examples of courses that would clearly fit the requirements for the "M" course.

We need to check on seats for social science — will going to a 7 experiences model lead to a burden in an area where students already have difficulty getting seats.

Extended Studies:

Want to clarify that we did want to emphasize the importance of the one extended studies class being a part of a DePauw group experience, rather than an individual experience.

Feedback on WT — anecdotal information indicates that most students were positive about the Winter Term classes, although some (particularly juniors and seniors) felt that the 'sprit' of Winter Term has been diluted.

Question: Is it too soon to discuss a return to requiring 3 Winter terms? Last year we were, as a whole, down about 200 hundred students in Winter Term participation. How many trips and classes were cancelled? Real concerns about whether we can meet demand and supply.

Stimpert wants to take a comprehensive look at all off campus study. Currently students pay DPU tuition and get all of their financial aid and we pay the provider. We're paying providers \$400K more than our net tuition from those students. At lots of schools you pay directly to the provider; this, however, will disadvantage less affluent students.

We do have issues we would like to discuss with Dave Berque — John will try to schedule a meeting with him.

RAS Issues —

In February we will put out a call for RAS proposals. We need to draft the letter and talk about how to get better proposals. This would include asking departments to speak more holistically about what they department will look like after the hire and what changes this will make to overall curriculum.

Question — can there be proposals from individuals working across departments? At this point there is no real way for *individuals* to do this, but departments can.

Please submit any ideas for the RAS proposal to John. He may create a Google Doc for working on this.

The committee talked about many of the same issues as in previous meetings regarding the composition of the "M" requirement.