DEGREES AND FIELDS

According to the bylaws of the university, the “…functions of the University Faculty shall be to consider questions of educational policy which concern more than one college, school or separate academic unit, or are general in nature…”

Responsibility of: Committee on Academic Programs and Policies. The Committee concerns itself with academic programs and policies which are independent of or extend beyond the single or joint jurisdiction of a school or college faculty; policies governing the use of, and plans for, university-wide academic facilities and services, such as libraries, classrooms, and computers; and proposals for new degrees (including the combination, modification or abandonment of old degrees. It reports to the Faculty Senate. Faculty Senate approved degrees and fields are forwarded to the President for approval by the Board of Trustees.

APPAREL DESIGN, GRADUATE FIELD OF TEXTILES PH.D. PROGRAM

On May 12, 2004 (Records, pp. 10023-10024S) the Faculty Senate adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the General Committee of the Graduate School has reviewed and approved the proposal to create a new Ph.D. degree program in Apparel Design in the Graduate Field of Textiles,

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed and recommends creation of the Ph.D. degree in Apparel Design in the Graduate Field of Textiles,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a new Ph.D. degree program in Apparel Design in the Graduate Field of Textiles.
APPLIED STATISTICS, MASTERS OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

On February 11, 1998 (Records, pp. 7995-7996S) the Faculty Senate debated the creation of a new Masters of Professional Studies in Applied Statistics. After a presentation by Professor Carlo Montemagno, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, and Chair, Academic Policies and Programs Committee, the body discussed the matter and a vote was taken on the motion. It passed as follows:

We, the Faculty Senate, upon review of the merits of the proposal put forth by the Graduate Field of Statistics herein recommend approval of their request to form a new program leading to an MPS degree in Applied Statistics.
ARCHITECTURE, PROFESSIONAL MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM

At the April 14, 1999 meeting (Records, pp. 8245-8248S), Professor Kenneth C. Hover, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and member of the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, spoke to the proposal that had been received from the Department of Architecture.

Discussion ensued and doubt was raised as to whether the Committee has considered, studied and recommended it. Professor Hover said the Committee reviewed the proposal and approved it to come before the Senate.

The adjournment time was near and the Speaker wanted to extend the meeting. The body said “no”. Dean Cooke added that a back-up meeting time was scheduled one week from today and that he would talk to the University Faculty Committee about continuing the discussion at that time.

On April 21, 1999 (Records, p. 8250S), additional background material was supplied to the Senate members.

It was moved to call the question. The resolution carried as follows:

WHEREAS, the First Professional Master’s Degree Program (M. Arch. I) in Architecture has been approved by the Department of Architecture and the Graduate School, and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has also approved the new degree,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves establishing the First Professional Master’s Degree Program (M. Arch. I) in Architecture and urges the Administration to place this on the May meeting of the Board of Trustees for consideration.
ASIAN RELIGIONS, GRADUATE FIELD

Professor Terrence Fine, Electrical Engineering and Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, said at the April 12, 2000 meeting (Records, pp. 8942-8943S) the proposal originated with four faculty members in Asian Religions, was discussed by Asian Studies, and then approved by the Graduate School.

The resolution passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, a graduate field in Asian Religions has been approved by the Graduate School, and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has also approved the new graduate field,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves establishing a graduate field in Asian Religions and urges the Administration to place this on the agenda of the Board of Trustees for consideration.
ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE, GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Professor Terrence Fine, Electrical Engineering and Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, introduced a resolution at the October 13, 1999 meeting (Records, pp. 8309-8310S) to establish a graduate degree program in Atmospheric Science.

Associate Professor Stephen Colucci, Soil, Crop, and Atmospheric Science, spoke to the resolution saying the Atmospheric Science Program is maintained in SCAS but that there are atmospheric scientists in other departments and colleges around the University. The proposed new program would be a means of formally linking these faculty in the education of graduate students.

On a vote call, the resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, a graduate degree program in Atmospheric Science has been approved by the Graduate School, and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has also approved the new graduate degree program,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves establishing a graduate degree program in Atmospheric Science and urges the Administration to place this on the agenda of the Board of Trustees for consideration.
On May 14, 2003 (Records, p. 9789S, Appendix 1), Professor Jennifer Gerner, Policy Analysis and Management, and Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, moved the following resolution that was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed a proposal for the creation of a Master of Engineering Degree Program in the Existing Major Field of Biomedical Engineering, and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends creation of this new degree program,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the creation of the Master of Engineering Degree Program in the Existing Major Field of Biomedical Engineering and urges the administration to place this on the agenda of the Board of Trustees for approval.
COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY, GRADUATE FIELD
AND PH.D. PROGRAM

At the April 14, 2004 meeting (Records, pp. 9975-9976S) of the Faculty Senate, Professor Jennifer Gerner, Policy Analysis and Management, and Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, introduced the resolution. Computational biology is at the interface of biology and computers. The resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed a proposal for the establishment of a Graduate Field and Ph.D. Program in Computational Biology, and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends creation of this new graduate field and Ph.D. program,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a Graduate Field and Ph.D. Program in Computational Biology and urges the administration to place this on the agenda of the Board of Trustees for approval.
COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING,
GRADUATE MINOR FIELD

At the September 14, 2005 meeting (Records, pp. 10288-10289S, Appendix 1), Professor Rodney Dietert, Microbiology and Immunology, and Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed a proposal for the establishment of a Graduate Minor Field in Computational Science and Engineering, and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends creation of this new graduate field,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a Graduate Minor Field in Computational Science and Engineering and urges the administration to place this on the agenda of the Board of Trustees for approval.

The resolution was adopted.
MASTER IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION/MASTER IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAM

On November 8, 2006 (Records, pp. 10624-10626S, Appendices 13-14), Professor Martin Hatch, Music, and Chair of the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, introduced the resolution.

Some discussion ensued as to whether it actually needed CAPP’s review.

It was decided to proceed with a vote and then consider legal matters later.

The resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the General Committee of the Graduate School has reviewed and approved the proposal to create a new Master in Health Administration/Master in Business Administration (MHA-MBA) degree program in the Sloan Program of the Graduate Field of Policy Analysis and Management and the Johnson Graduate School of Management,

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed and recommends creation of this Master in Health Administration/Master in Business Administration (MHA-MBA) degree,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a new Master in Health Administration/Master in Business Administration (MHA-MBA) degree program in the Sloan Program of the Graduate Field of Policy Analysis and Management and the Johnson Graduate School of Management.
HORTICULTURE, GRADUATE FIELD

On February 14, 2001 (Records, p. 9082S, Appendix B), Professor Jery Stedinger, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Chair of the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, said the resolution will combine three existing fields into one, and combine two departments.

Professor Terrence Fine, Electrical and Computer Engineering, moved the resolution which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the graduate fields of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture, of Pomology, and of Vegetable Crops currently exist,

WHEREAS, joining these three graduate fields in a single graduate field of Horticulture will result in a stronger field, with better opportunities for support for research and graduate education, and a stronger graduate curriculum,

WHEREAS, the proposed formation of a single and combined graduate field has received the overwhelming and enthusiastic support of the faculty involved, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Committee of Cornell University and the University Senate Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed the proposal and have recommended creation of this new graduate field,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate upon review of the merits of the proposal put forth approves establishing a graduate field of Horticulture and urges the Administration to place this on the agenda of the Board of Trustees for approval.
HOSPITALITY (MMH) DEGREE, GRADUATE JOINT MASTERS OF MANAGEMENT IN BY CORNELL UNIVERSITY’S SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION AND NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY’S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IN SINGAPORE

At the October 13, 2004 meeting (Records, pp. 10057-10059S, Appendix 1), Professor Jennifer Gerner, Policy Analysis and Management and Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the General Committee of the Graduate School has reviewed and approved the proposal to create the Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management (CNI) at the Nanyang Business School in Singapore which will offer a joint (Cornell-Nanyang) Masters of Management in Hospitality (MMH) degree, the same graduate professional degree offered in Ithaca;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed and recommends approval of the same proposal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the creation of the Graduate Joint Masters Degree to be offered by Cornell University School of Hotel Administration and Nanyang Technological University’s School of Business in Singapore.

Professor Gerner said the program is a one-year Master’s degree and the Hotel School is also proposing to change its Master’s degree to a one-year long period. The Committee will consider that at a later time.

Admissions will be controlled by Singapore, by the Dean and the Vice Dean in Singapore. The Hotel School in consultation with the program in Singapore will determine admissions criteria. The target markets are India, Singapore, China, and greater Southeast Asia. Students will spend half their time in Singapore and half their time in Ithaca.

On a vote call, the resolution was adopted.
PH.D PROGRAM IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND DESIGN

On May 9, 2007 (Records, pp. 110859-10861S), Associate Professor Susan Piliero, Education, member of the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, presented the resolution to establish the new program:

WHEREAS, the General Committee of the Graduate School has reviewed and approved the proposal to create a new Ph.D. degree program in Human Behavior and Design in the graduate field of Design and Environmental Analysis;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed and recommends creation of this Ph.D. in Human Behavior and Design;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a new Ph.D. degree program in Human Behavior and Design in the graduate field of Design and Environmental Analysis.

On a show of hands, since there was no quorum at this meeting, the resolution was approved.

Subsequent to the meeting, the resolution was approved by the University Faculty Committee on behalf of the Faculty Senate.
INFORMATION SCIENCE, GRADUATE FIELD AND Ph.D. PROGRAM

At the May 14, 2003 meeting (Records, pp. 9789-9790S, Appendix 2), Professor Jennifer Gerner, Policy Analysis and Management, and Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, introduced a resolution for approval of the Ph.D. Program in Information Science.

Professor William Arms, Computer Science and Information Science, spoke to the resolution, saying the field is very interdisciplinary, with Computer Science, Communication, Science and Technology Studies, and other departments being represented.

On a vote call, the resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed a proposal for the establishment of a Graduate Field and Ph.D. Program in Information Science, and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends creation of this new graduate field and Ph.D. program,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a Graduate Field and Ph.D. Program in Information Science and urges the administration to place this on the agenda of the Board of Trustees for approval.
MASTER OF SCIENCE (LEGAL STUDIES) DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE GRADUATE FIELD OF LAW

Professor Peter Davies, Plant Pathology, and member, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, at the March 14, 2007 meeting (Records, pp. 10728-107295, Appendices 1-2), said the Committee recommends approval of this new degree.

On a vote call, the resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the General Committee of the Graduate School has reviewed and approved the proposal to create a new Master of Science degree program (MSLS) in the graduate field of Law,

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed and recommends creation of this Master of Science in Legal Studies,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a new Master of Science degree program in Legal Studies in the graduate field of Law.
On December 13, 2006 (Records, pp. 10702-10703S, Appendices 1-2), Professor Martin Hatch, Music, and Chair, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the General Committee of the Graduate School has reviewed and approved the proposal to create a new Master of Professional Studies/Real Estate-Master in Business Administration (MPS/RE-MBA) dual degree program in the Program in Real Estate, Department of City and Regional Planning, and the Johnson Graduate School of Management,

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed and recommends creation of this Master of Professional Studies/Real Estate-Master in Business Administration (MPS/RE-MBA) degree,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a new Master of Professional Studies/Real Estate-Master in Business Administration (MPS/RE-MBA) degree program in the Program in Real Estate, Department of City and Regional Planning, and the Johnson Graduate School of Management.
SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, GRADUATE FIELD AND MASTER OF ENGINEERING DEGREE

On September 13, 2000 (Records, pp. 8985-86S, Appendix F), Professor Terrence Fine, Electrical and Computer Engineering, introduced the resolution on behalf of the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies.

On a vote call, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the proposal to create a new graduate field of systems engineering has been approved by the Graduate School, and

WHEREAS, a master of engineering degree in systems engineering has been approved by the Graduate School, and

WHEREAS, creation of the new graduate field and a master of engineering degree in systems engineering has received enthusiastic endorsement by the Dean of the Engineering College, the Master of Engineering Committee of the Engineering College, and the participating engineering departments, and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has also recommended creation of the new graduate field and has approved the creation of a master of engineering degree in systems engineering,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate, upon review of the merits of the proposals put forth, approve establishing a graduate field of systems engineering, which would offer a master of engineering degree in systems engineering, and urges the Administration to place this on the agenda of the Board of Trustees for consideration.
At the April 11, 2007 meeting (Records, pp. 10809-10814S, Appendix 2), Professor Martin Hatch, Music, and member, Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the General Committee of the Graduate School has reviewed and agrees that the existing Masters of Engineering Degree in Systems Engineering can also be offered in a Distance Learning format (DL MEng in SE);

WHEREAS, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies has reviewed and recommends approval of this DL component in the MEng in SE consistent with the recommendations made by the General Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the Distance Learning component of the Masters of Engineering Degree in Systems Engineering (DL MEng in SE) subject to the recommendations made by the General Committee of the Graduate School.

Questions were raised regarding ownership of course materials, project required, and how academic integrity issues would be handled.

On a vote call, the resolution was adopted with four abstentions.