

*Committee Charge (from the Council Bylaws):* The Committee on Program II shall study and make appropriate recommendations to the Dean of Trinity College and to the Council with respect to Program II and its relationship to the broader curriculum. The Committee shall admit students to Program II and approve their programs and any later modification thereof.

*Meetings:* The committee met four times in 2011-2012; approximately one week after proposal deadlines in September, November, February, and April.

*Basic Activities:* Committee members had received and reviewed completed proposals before the meeting. Each proposal was discussed and decisions were made on each to (1) accept as is (or with very minor suggested or required modifications), (2) rejected but with encouragement to reapply after consideration of committee suggestions, or (3) reject and encourage pursuing a Program I major. The committee also discussed possible modifications to the application procedure, criteria for acceptance, etc., as appropriate.

*Accomplishments:* A total of 40 Program II proposals were submitted; 24 were approved. Resubmission of some proposals from 2011-2012 are expected next year, 2012-2013. The committee also agreed to require a two-semester "capstone" experience for all Program II students in the form of individual research. (Approximately 65% of Program II students already pursue Graduation with Distinction, vs. 25-30% across the university.) Twenty-one Program II students graduated in 2011-2012. (The average number graduating over the program's 40 year history is 12/year.)

*Challenges:* Dean Norman Keul will be in Germany for the Autumn, 2012. Jon Shaw will fill-in to oversee the Program and continue to Chair committee meetings.

*Plans for Next Year:* Four proposal due dates will be in effect as in previous years. Jon Shaw will work with Staff Assistant Jess Levitt to schedule information sessions for prospective Program II students, establish office hours to meet with students to answer questions and discuss proposal preparation, and organize committee meetings. We will shift to on-line submission of proposals by January 2013.

*Additional Comments:* The faculty members of the Program II Committee have all agreed to continue to serve again next year. This is fortunate both because it ensures continuity and because continuity is especially needed this fall when Dean Keul will be away. Before he leaves he plans to encourage one or more rising seniors in the program to apply to DSG for membership on the Committee next year.

*Suggestions for the Future:* Program II is thriving. Not only is there uncommon student interest in the program, but Dean Keul, who has presented nationally at conferences on individualized major programs (IMPs), reports that Program II is regarded as one of the top programs in the nation. He is looking to increase the program's national profile further through greater involvement on his part in the association of IMPs that is being established. He also has plans, now that the program has gone live with a new website, to reach out to Program II's 500+ alumni to explore ways of establishing useful links between current students in the program and individuals around the country and the world who may be interested in collaborative efforts and mentoring relationships.

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