1. Roll Call

Members present were Margaret Burke, Computer Studies, Martin Camacho, Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Jeanne Mullaney, Foreign Languages, Jack Owens, Physics, and Allison Petro, English.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of 12/13/10 due to lack of attendees.

3. Revisions to Educated Person goals

A revised draft of these goals, based on revisions suggested at prior meetings, was presented and discussed.

Goal #1: Effective Communication

At the last meeting it was suggested that it might be possible to replace the word “mechanics” with a term that might be easier to recognize. The dictionary definition of mechanics is that it is a method of doing something. Given the context of the statement, it is the best term that can be found.

The clarification presented in #1[“The student should.”] is not needed.

Replace Utilize with Use.

There are two rubrics applicable to this goal: the English Department’s Composition I rubric and the Written Communication Value Rubric.

Replace “Present the central idea” with “Present a central idea”

Goal #2 Critical thinking

Remove comma after identify

An Information rubric is available from Susan Miller developed by the ALA Association of College and Research Libraries

Add period after effectively.

Goal #3 Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning

Sentence 2: End after “Solution of problems.” Period.

See Problem-Solving Rubric: Propose Solutions/Hypotheses

Omit “about the world” in line 4.

It is proposed that the previously established subcommittees take a vote on the most recent revision to the goals.
4. Development of rubrics for each goal

It is now needed to present examples of the rubrics: present as many as might apply, or in the form as it exists or a modified version if needed. This task was assigned to the previously established subcommittees.

5. General Education web page

Update in process: Member names, Educated Person, Agenda, and Minutes, the latter to be images accessible in PDF format but not searchable.

6. New Business: Criteria for the acceptance of a course as meeting the General Education requirements.

The Gen Ed Committee should approve any new course for acceptance as meeting General Education requirements.

Approval should be based on:

Discipline. Not every discipline qualifies for meeting General Education requirements.

Meeting the goals of the educated person

Assessability of outcomes

The General Education Committee should formally propose to Curriculum Committee that a course seeking approval for General Education purposes should be sent to General Education Committee for approval by that committee.

Defer development of guidelines, perhaps for review at the next meeting. We should have available guidelines developed at URI to provide a sample.

7. Agenda for the next meeting

Final draft of Education Definition Person goals.

Proposed rubrics in support of outcomes from

Update on Gen Ed Web Page

Elaborator criteria for acceptance as Gen Ed course.

9. Next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 24, at 2:00 PM.

10. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Owens