1. Call to Order

The February 24, 2011 meeting of the General Education Committee was called to order at 2:15 PM in Rm. 4104 at the Warwick campus and Rm. 2602 at the Lincoln campus.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes: meetings 12/13/10 and 2/3/11

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 13, 2010, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 3, 2011, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

4. The General Education web site

It was announced that previously approved minutes have been uploaded to the General Education web site and that the member names have been updated. A very old page not relevant to current activities was removed, as was a very old definition relating to the educated person. Relevant NEASC standards are now prominent on the first page. There is also present a calendar of meetings.

Members should examine the web site to correct possible mistakes or omissions and to see if there is something that should be removed.

5. Final Revision to the CCRI Definition of an Educated Person

Under goal #3 Quantitative Reasoning

The rubrics suggest change in language:

Edit the 2nd line to read:
   “...to answering questions and solving problems”
This change relates to the University of South Carolina science rubric.

Replace last line with
   “Apply a scientific approach to inquiry”
Do we keep the latter? Is it related to critical thinking? It is possible to assess them differently.

Change line 4 to read “Apply a scientific approach to asking questions” and move it up so that it becomes line 2.

New line 3: change “To the solution of problems “ to “in solving problems”.

6. Presentation of Rubrics for Each Goal

Rubrics for #1 and #2 of the Educated Person definition are mostly complete. For #3 and #4, it would be desirable to have relevant rubrics available for the March 11 meeting, to be sent out by e-mail prior to the meeting.

7. Discussion of consultation with the CCR1 Community concerning the amendments to the definition of an educated person.

The amended statement should be presented to the Academic Council, the Academic Advisory Committee, and the Chair’s Committee. It should also be made available on the web site.

There should also be a public forum available to all of the college community.

In March, following approval of the final form of the Educated Person language, it should be distributed to the above groups.

There should be a public forum on Friday, April 1, at 2:30 involving all interested parties through the distance earning facilities at the four campuses. The forum can be advertised through the crier.

8. Criteria of Acceptance of a Course as meeting the General Education requirements.

Discussion took place regarding the form used by URI and a proposed CCR1 submission form.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 11, at 2 PM. It is hoped that by moving the meeting from Thursday to Friday there will be improved attendance.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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