General Education Subcommittee

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Present: Anderson, Bagwell, Lawson, Marquardt, Neff, Price, Williams

1. The Subcommittee endorsed the revised AOS model circulated at the meeting.

2. The Subcommittee endorsed the revised FOS model with the following changes: (1) Symbolic Reasoning renamed to Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (FSQS), (2) delete the final sentence (The natural science requirement consists of a single laboratory course selected from the three areas of science represented at the University of Richmond, namely, chemistry, physics, and the biological sciences) from the description of Natural Sciences as superfluous, (3) replace the title of Normative Analysis with Reason and Value and the description with “[Reason and Value] courses introduce ways of thinking, both past and present, about the formation of human values, their role in guiding action, and their susceptibility to rational reflection and critical discussion. This requirement allows students to discover how established disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences approach a wide range of value-related issues. Possible subjects include the intersecting ethical dilemmas of private and public life, the relation between moral thought and moral action and issues of human rights, cultural diversity and global equality.”

3. Gene and Joan will incorporate the revisions into a single document, which will be presented to the entire Task Force for their input and endorsement on Tuesday, December 2.