Announcement that after our last meeting, Kristin Johnson left, went to the hospital and had a baby girl! Congratulations to Kristen!

2) Global Studies Minor update: Ric McIntyre is gathering information from a research report comparing programs at similar schools. He will meet with a few faculty interested in working on this with him and write up a draft of a proposal. He will try to bring this to the first meeting of spring semester for committee input.

3) Global Website update: Nancy had a follow up meeting with Kerri Hicks and Sarah Couch. They will work together to create language for the landing pages and add links appropriate for each page. When complete (if possible by next meeting), it will be brought to the committee for review and input.

4) Brazil Scientific Mobility Program: This is a government sponsored program for Brazilian undergraduate students to study for 12 months in the US, all expenses paid by the Brazilian government. Graduate students can apply for 4 year funding for a Ph.D. program. Most students are in the STEM majors.

Nancy updated the committee on the early fall trip to Brazil that she took, representing URI on an Education Trade Mission sponsored by the US Department of Commerce and the US State Department. She met with prospective students and families and also with university contacts in Brazil. Meetings also took place with the Ministry of Education. Upon return, the application for URI to become a host institution for Brazilian government-sponsored students was completed, for students at both the graduate and undergraduate level. URI might be hosting students beginning in fall 2013 and perhaps in the summer. The undergraduate students will study for one year and do an internship. The Brazilian government is covering all expenses, which include airfare, housing, dining, tuition and fees. Brazil is looking to send 3000-5000 students to the US in 2013. These are non-degree undergraduate students, so all applications go to the Office of International Education, not to the Admission office. It is sponsored by IIE, which will issue the I-20’s.

Dania expressed concern about the impact on her office with the increase of international student numbers and the budgeting for cost of sending I-20’s. Further discussion needs to take place on steps to support the needs of this office.

URI is looking into possibility of partnerships with Brazilian universities. Contacts were made and follow up will take place.
5) *International Education Week* update: Overall review of events during this week. Special request to group to try to attend the Flag unveiling event in the Union on Thursday and the ACE Reception on Friday.

6) Identification of Future Topics: Since the Global Steering Committee has made some progress on many of the “goals for immediate implementation” that were identified by the Ad Hoc Global Task Force, Nancy opened up discussion of which areas the committee feels we should focus on moving forward. Much discussion took place regarding a variety of topics. The main areas recommended are:

   a. Establishment of a program/funding to bring students from developing countries to URI to study a discipline (ex. Physical Therapy) at the university.
   b. Recruitment of International Students – strategies and use of agents
   c. Retention of International Students
   d. MOU strategies at URI – Sub-committee to review partnerships, both new and existing, and give guidance and recommendations.
   e. Certificate program in International Health being proposed – others possible with similar theme?

Next Steps:

1) Nancy, Kerri Hicks and Sarah Couch will continue to work on the content for the website pages.
2) Ric McIntyre will form group of faculty to work on Global Studies minor.
3) Nancy will gather information and updates on the use of agents for recruitment and will present to the committee.