

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Date: Monday May 23, 2005

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

Place: 300 Warner Hall

Members present: D. Brown, L. Vaden-Goad, R. Flanagan, V. Kenausis, P. Secondo,
A. Wong, A. Zink,

Guests present: D. Olsen (Advisement)

Members absent: W. Petkanas (CUCAS), SGA President

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Welcome!	The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by R. Flanagan. Robin asked all committee members to really “listen to constituents, seek out ideas from others and be nonjudgmental.”	
Election of Chair	R. Flanagan nominated Veronica Kenausis for the position of Chair of the Committee on General Education.	Vote: Unanimous approval
Meeting times	As established in the by-laws, the Committee will meet the first Thursday of every month. Discussion ensued r/t meeting times as committee members have disparate schedules. The committee discussed meeting twice a month initially on both the first and second Thursdays. The committee decided this was a good idea.	Meetings will be held on the first and second Thursdays from 8:00am-10:00am. Will reassess. The first meeting is September 1, 2005 in Warner 315.
By-laws	R. Flanagan stated that everyone needs to be familiar with : <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ WCSU Mission Statement✓ State of CT. General Education Requirements✓ NEASC Report	

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Agenda for first meeting	<p>The committee decided to begin to develop a General Education Course Approval Form to be presented at the first meeting for discussion.</p> <p>A. Zink questioned what currently qualifies for general education? She suggested that we look at “big picture goals”. We need to define general education on a conceptual basis. We need a framework. We may want to involve the Program Review Committee when developing the approval form.</p> <p>R. Flanagan stated that any concerned individuals can bring proposals to meetings which will then be placed on the following month’s agenda. Individuals can go to any of the three meetings: General Education Comm., CUCAS and/or Senate.</p>	R. Flanagan, V. Kenausis, and D. Brown will meet over the summer to begin development of the form.
Communication	<p>Methods of communication for both Committee members and the general University population were discussed.</p> <p>L. Vaden-Goad stated that the committee needs to provide lots of feedback. R. Flanagan stated that the committee needs to be proactive.</p>	V. Kenausis will establish a website for the Committee with an email address.
Summer Preparation	During the summer the website will be established, approval form will begin to be developed and documents e.g. bylaws, NEASC report, CT General Education requirements and WCSU mission will be reviewed.	V. Kenausis, R. Flanagan and D. Brown volunteered to meet during the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryle Brown, Recorder