

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
General Education Committee
Meeting Agenda
May 4, 2007
Haas Library – 2nd floor
8:30 – 10:00 AM
Place: Haas Library—2nd floor

Members present: D. Brown, R. Drozdenko, R. Flanagan, V. Kenausis (chair), P. Secondo, L. Vaden-Goad, A. Zink

Guests: C. Summers, P. O’Neill, D. Olson, I. Carvalho, S. Lightwood

1. Appointment of recorder. – Ron Drozdenko
2. Minutes from April 13, 2007 - moved to accept (Secondo/Zink) unanimously approved
3. Community input & comments (15 minutes)
4. New Business
 - a. Information was presented by P. O’Neill about using the Danbury Womens’ Center as an additional resource for FYE. Currently there is a plan for student collaboration in PSY 100 and possibly other courses.
 - b. R. Flanagan discussed an issue before CUCAS related to using the term “area” versus “field” in program sheets. Motion (P. Secondo/Flanagan) to use the word “category.” Passed unanimously
 - c. D. Olsen and I. Carvalho discussed the possibility of initiating a developmental program for peer to peer mentoring within FYE. A stipend will be paid to students who will be mentoring 9-10 FYE students. Mentors are expected to meet with each mentee (individually or in groups) once per semester for a cultural event. The involvement of FYE faculty would be relatively limited in this program (e.g., maintaining lists of mentors and mentees). Motion (Vaden-Goad/Brown) to integrate mentors into FYE was passed unanimously.
 - d. The committee discussed the FYE coordinator job description and compensation and will ask Provost Rinker to support this position. The following points will be discussed with L. Rinker.
 - A faculty coordinator rather than administrative position is preferred.
 - Compensation of 9 credits with clerical support for first year.
 - Committee will recommend an individual for the position to the Provost for a three year minimum commitment
 - The FYE coordinator will be a member of the Gen Ed Committee, voting status to be determined.

- The Committee is still considering the best method to search for and select an individual (or team of individuals) for the position.
- e. The annual Gen Ed Committee report drafted by V. Kenausis for the Senate was unanimously approved (Zink/Brown).
- f. The meeting time for Fall 2007 will remain Friday at 8:30am. There will be two meetings per month, the first and third Friday of the month.
- g. V. Kenausis was unanimously re-elected chair of the Committee for 2007-2008. The Committee greatly appreciates the time and effort Veronica has dedicated to this position.

5. Other Business

- a. The Committee unanimously approved (Flanagan/ Drozdenko) the Student Developed Study – Readings in French Mathematics presented by S. Lightwood
- b. The Committee discussed the FYE budget items including adjuncts, meetings for FYE faculty and compensation for the FYE coordinator.
- c. The committee unanimously recommended (Flanagan/Brown) that the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement be initiated at June 2007 Orientation.
- d. R. Drozdenko briefly reported on the Ancell Chairs' response to the Passport proposal. The Ancell Chairs believe that co-curriculum requirements should be the responsibility of instructors and academic departments. Most Ancell chairs reported that they currently have co-curricular requirements in their departments. Therefore, the Ancell Chairs do not support a general co-curricular requirement that may become a hardship for certain groups of students (e.g., non-traditional, transfer, commuting, co-op/internship, seniors with heavy capstone workloads, etc.)

6. Adjourn 10:00am