

**WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**General Education Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Haas Library—2<sup>nd</sup> floor**  
**8:30am-10:00am**

**Members present:** D. Brown, R. Drozdenko, R. Flanagan, V. Kenausis (Chair), P. O'Neill, P. Secondo,

**1. Appointment of recorder:** D. Brown

**2. Minutes from May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007:** moved to accept with minor corrections (Secondo/Brown)/ unanimously approved

**3. Community input and comments:** none

**4. New Business:**

a. FYE implementation: currently 240 students in the program/ need 17-18 FYE for Spring 2008/ need to increase recruiting efforts/ suggestion to involve Bill Petkanas, Director of Faculty Advising

b. Introduction of FY Coordinator: Welcome to Patty O'Neill/ Patty is currently working with first year instructors/ courses are going well/ faculty have become a "community of instructors"/common reading is In fidel/ suggested that a panel of faculty members from different disciplines discuss the book

c. Possible by-law change to include FY Coordinator: discussion ensued/ add to membership part of by-laws: Full-time faculty member currently serving as FY voting Coordinator nominated by the General Education Committee and appointed by the Provost.

d. BCSSE (Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement): surveys have been sent to every first year student/ all student responses must be in by 9/30/07.

e. Goals for 2007-2008: Assessment identified as important area to work on/ members will bring objectives/goals to next meeting Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> 9am

**5. Other Business:**

a. Veronica Kenausis and Patty O'Neill will meet with Dr. Rinker to update her on the progress of the Gen Ed Committee

b. the meeting times for fall 2007 have been changed to a start time of 9am

**6. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daryle L. Brown*