

Western Connecticut State University  
COMMITTEE ON GENERAL EDUCATION

Annual Report 2007-2008

**2007-2008 Membership**

Alan Anderson, Accounting (CUCAS Representative)  
Daryle Brown, Nursing (SPS)  
Ron Drozdenko, Marketing (ASB)  
Robin Flanagan, Psychology (At-Large)  
Veronica Kenausis, Library (Chair)  
Patricia O'Neill, Psychology (First Year Experience Coordinator)  
Paula Secondo, Chemistry (A&S)  
Linda Vaden-Goad, Dean (A&S)  
Abbey Zink, English (A&S)

The General Education Committee's third year focused on the planning and initial implementation of a comprehensive assessment program for the general education curriculum. Meeting agendas, minutes, and other details and documentation can be found on the committee website at <http://www.wcsu.edu/committees/gened>.

**2007-2008 Accomplishments**

- *First Year Experience implementation*  
The committee worked with the First Year Experience Coordinator to successfully launch the First Year Experience.
- *Curriculum revisions*  
The committee review and approved many courses for inclusion in the general education curriculum.
- *Further steps toward General Education Assessment*  
The committee presented a possible new framework for the general education curriculum which could serve as a structure on which to build a meaningful long-term assessment program. The committee also voted to pursue two forms of assessment: 1) short-term assessment via a nationally normed standardized test to collect baseline data, and 2) long-term assessment via student portfolios.
- *Selection of MAPP for general education assessment*  
The committee has selected MAPP (Measure of Academic Progress and Proficiency) as the assessment instrument for the short term evaluation of the general education curriculum. The committee will work with Institutional Research to implement the program.

**2008-2009 Goals**

- Assessment of General Education (short and long-term)
- Further development of First Year Experience
- Academic Honesty Policy
- Common grammar text

Respectfully submitted,  
Veronica Kenausis, Chair  
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