

**Western Connecticut State University
Committee on Distance Education
Annual Report to the University Senate
May 9, 2007**

The Committee on Distance Education, 2006-2007, consisted of the following members:

Tom Monks(A), Karen Raftery(A&S), Russell Gladstone(L/C/C), Catherine Rice(PS)(resigned and replaced by Janet Burke, Josie Hamer (at large)(Co-Chair), Brian Clements (at large)(Co-Chair), Genevieve Innes (at large), Ellen Durnin (Dean), Lisa Peck (administrative faculty), Todd McInerney(UC)

Meetings were held on the following dates: October 4, October 12, November 2, November 8, December 13, March 15, April 11 and May 9.

The main focus of this academic year was to produce a report and recommendations concerning Distance Education at Western Connecticut State University. To this end, the committee focused on the following issues:

- What is Distance Learning and how does it relate to our Strategic Plan
- What are our peer institutions doing and what can we learn from their models
- Recommendations for Distance Learning at WestConn

A result of our work is the attached document, [Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Distance Education](#). (attached). The co-chairs of the committee presented this paper to the Provost and to WCSU's Academic Affairs team in mid-April, with positive response.

A second charge of the committee for this academic year was to revise the committee [By-laws](#), with 2 main goals - (1) change the membership to reflect the new School of Visual & Performing Arts; (2) set a standard meeting day and time. These changes were approved by Senate in March, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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Co-Chair

Brian Clements
Co-Chair