

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
Committee on General Education

Annual Report
2005-2006

2005-2006 Membership

Jessica Bogues (Student Representative)
Daryle Brown, Nursing (SPS)
Ron Drozdenko, Marketing (ASB)
Irene Duffy, Registrar (CUCAS representative, March – June 2006)
Robin Flanagan, Psychology (At-Large)
Veronica Kenausis, Library (Chair)
Bill Petkanas (CUCAS representative, September 2005 – February 2006)
Paula Secondo, Chemistry (A&S)
Linda Vaden-Goad, Dean
Abbey Zink, English (A&S)

The General Education Committee's inaugural year was busy and productive. Meeting agendas, minutes and other details and documentation can be found on the committee website at <http://www.wcsu.edu/committees/gened>.

2005-2006 Accomplishments

- *New Course Approval Form*
The committee established a new procedure for all new courses being proposed to be included in the general education curriculum, and prepared a new form to accompany proposals. The procedure and form was approved by the University Senate (R-05-12-6) at its December 2005 meeting and subsequently received administrative approval. Physical changes to affected forms will be made during summer 2006.
- *First Year Experience proposal*
The committee focused its efforts on developing a proposal for a first year experience program, with a targeted implementation date of September 2007. An open discussion for all interested faculty and staff was held in March 2006 to present initial findings and solicit input from individuals and departments. Following this forum, and in collaboration with the Student Success Action Team, an Integrated First Year Experience program proposal was drafted and presented at the May UPBC for Phase 1 planning approval. Although the proposal enjoyed broad-based support, it did not receive official phase 1 approval, but was postponed until the September 2006 meeting, following the UPBC/administrative planning retreat.

2006-2007 Goals

- Academic Honesty Policy
- Common grammar text
- First Year Experience program development
- Assessment of General Education

Respectfully submitted
May 18, 2006
Veronica Kenausis, Chair