

Western Connecticut State University
COMMITTEE ON GENERAL EDUCATION

Annual Report 2006-2007

2006-2007 Membership

Daryle Brown, Nursing (SPS)
Ron Drozdenko, Marketing (ASB)
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The General Education Committee's second year focused on the planning, approval and initial implementation of an integrated First Year Experience program. Meeting agendas, minutes, and other details and documentation can be found on the committee website at <http://www.wcsu.edu/committees/gened>.

2006-2007 Accomplishments

- *First Year Experience approval*
The committee successfully developed a proposal for an integrated first year experience program, which will be phased in over three years, beginning September 2007 (one third of the 07-08 incoming class). UPBC approval was achieved at the September 2006 meeting, and was followed by CUCAS approval (October 2006), and Senate approval (November 2006). Subsequent meetings were held with University administration and faculty; individual faculty members were invited and recruited to participate.
- *Integration into the curriculum revision process*
The committee worked towards seamless integration into the curricular proposal process. Signature lines were added to appropriate forms; recommendations were made to CUCAS regarding courses in the general education program. The committee also revised the Non-Western Cultures category in the curriculum to be more inclusive of world cultures and regions.
- *Initial steps toward General Education Assessment*
The committee began the research and discussion process for assessment of the overall general education curriculum. The discussion will include current structures and activities, desired outcomes and abilities, and recommendations for future steps. Three committee members attended a conference sponsored by AAC&U, entitled "General Education and Assessment" to jump-start the process.

2007-2008 Goals

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

Respectfully submitted,
Veronica Kenausis, Chair
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