

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
General Education Committee
Minutes
February 9, 2007
Haas Library – 2nd Floor
8:30 – 10:00 AM

Members Present: V. Kenausis (Chair), L. Vaden-Goad, A. Zink, P. Secondo, D. Brown, R. Flanagan (recording)

Guests Present: K. Allocco (History and NWC), J. Rosenthal (History and NWC), C. Summers, J. Schlicht (Health Promotion and Exercise).

1. Appointment of recorder. Yes, it's me.
2. Minutes from December 8, 2006 (passed unanimously) and January 26, 2007 (passed unanimously with change on p.2 from "Abby" to "Abbey").
3. Community input & comments (15 minutes) None.
5. New Business

b. Latin American course (J. Rosenthal)

After a discussion on the definition of what the NWC designation stands for (presumably it's been "Non-Western Cultures"), a motion was made (Flanagan, Zink) to change the designation to indicate that "courses in this category introduce students to cultural norms and patterns of civilizations associated with Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Native America, and elsewhere, alternative to those of the Greco-Roman and European traditions," a description we stole from the website of USC on 2/8/07. The motion passed unanimously.

Rosenthal's 1XX course on Caribbean and Latin American History was designated as fulfilling the Gen Ed NWC requirement (Brown, Secondo) unanimously.

Following the redefinition of the NWC designation, an additional motion (Secondo, Zink) was made to bring Alba Skar back for reconsideration of the NWC designation on several of her courses. This passed unanimously.

c. History courses (K. Allocco) A motion was made to designate all three of Kate Allocco's history courses as fulfilling the Gen Ed History requirement (Zink, Brown). These courses are History

2XX Renaissance, Reformation and the Age of Exploration, History 2XX Medieval Europe, and 2XX Scientific Revolution and Age of Enlightenment. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Fixing program sheets (email from LVG)

Program sheets must show 40 credits of general education courses. No action needed by this committee.

e. Conference possibilities. Linda Vaden-Goad, Veronica Kenausis, Patty O'Neill, and Robin Flanagan will attend the AACU conference on General Education and Assessment on March 1-3, 2007. No action needed by this committee.

4. Old Business

a. HPX100 (Schlicht). The committee was not comfortable designating HPX 100 as a Gen. Ed. Humanistic Studies course, but encouraged HPX to consider the Gen. Ed. HPX designation. Jeff Schlicht did not believe the department would like that designation to go to anything that didn't include actual exercise, so the committee encouraged HPX to return with a version of the course that included exercise that could work as a 3-credit Gen. Ed. HPX course.

b. FYE course recruiting

We have lots of faculty interested in teaching FYE courses, but we need more faculty to commit to teaching FYE next fall.

5. New Business

a. Passport to Paideia (R. Whittemore) . This can be an option for all FYE courses. If it is required for all freshmen, it should be taken out of the FYE options.

f. Gen Ed structures. Please USE the wiki to begin to examine general education structure and assessment.

g. ECSU alcohol prevention program. The consensus of the committee was that this was not an appropriate program to tie into the FYE courses at this time. L. Vaden-Goad will respond to William Lugo of ESCU.

6. Other Business. None.

7. Adjourned at 10:03 a.m.