

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
General Education Committee
Minutes
February 23, 2007
Haas Library – 2nd Floor
8:30 – 10:00 AM

Members Present: V. Kenausis (Chair), D. Brown, R. Drozdenko (recording), R. Flanagan

Guests Present: C. Summers, P. Prisco (Registrar)

1. Minutes from February 9, 2006 (passed 3-0-1) with changes in the item numbering.
2. Community input & comments (15 minutes) None.
3. Old Business
 - a. FYE recruiting - Kenausis discussed the recent CELT luncheon on the FYE. The attendance was lower than anticipated but additional faculty have committed to offering FYE courses. There are currently approximately 25 FYE sections for Fall 2007.
 - b. There was discussion about how multiple sections of a course with a FYE designation could affect the measurement of FYE efficacy since not all students in these courses would be part of the phase-in sample. That is, some students not in the sample would have exposure to at least one FYE course. It was determined that these students could be partitioned and used as a group of a (quasi-)experimental design to measure FYE efficacy.
 - c. The Committee felt that a letter from Deans and Provost to faculty that teach freshmen Gen Ed courses might assist the FYE recruitment effort. Kenausis will draft a sample letter inviting faculty to consider offering an FYE course. Members of the Gen Ed committee will assist faculty in developing FYE courses.
 - d. The Committee explored how the Passport to Paideia concept could be integrated into the FYE. There was general support for encouraging faculty (and facilitating implementation) of the concept into the Gen Ed curriculum. However, some members of the Committee had concerns about attempting to incorporate a "stand-alone" version of a co-curricular requirement into the Gen Ed curriculum.
4. New Business
 - a. The Committee discussed FYE implementation for the Fall 2007 semester with Paul Prisco. No problems with implementation were anticipated provided that the FYE courses were designated prior to the printing of the registration booklet. At least 28 FYE sections would be needed for the Fall 2007 semester and at least 14 would be needed for the Spring 2008 semester to phase-in the initial sample of 287 students.

The Committee discussed how students in the FYE sample would be reminded of the FYE requirement for the Spring 2008 semester. Prisco mentioned that it might be possible to put "flags" into the Banner system to notify students of the FYE requirement during the online registration process.

6. Other Business. None.
7. Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.