

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
General Education Committee

March 3, 2006

Present: J. Bagues, D. Brown, R. Drozdenko, I. Duffy, R. Flanagan (recording), V. Kenausis (chair), P. Secondo, L. Vaden-Goad, A. Zink

1. Approval of minutes:
 - a. December 8, 2005 are not yet available.
 - b. February 10, 2006 were approved unanimously (with 1 abstention).
2. No community input.
3. New Business
 - a. Irene Duffy is replacing Bill Petkanas as CUCAS representative.
 - b. Planning for discussion forum on 3/10/06:
 - i. The only official feedback so far from our request to discuss the two first year proposals among department members, came from the Psychology Department. The psychology department unanimously supports the Integrated First Year Experience, because of the success seen in the PSY 120 pilot program.
 - ii. We will begin the 3/10 forum with a brief overview of the problem we're trying to solve, and a brief summary of the two options available. Jessica Bagues offered to give a brief presentation of the student perspective on the issue. Veronica Kenausis will make the ground rules clear.
 - iii. We are looking for feedback in one of several ways:
 1. oral comments (limited to 5 minutes) supplemented with a written version for archival purposes, from departments.
 2. oral comments (limited to 5 minutes) supplemented with a written version, from individuals not speaking for their department.
 3. written comments only for those who can't attend.
 - iv. We will receive comments in this order until the meeting adjourns at 3:00 or there are no additional comments.
 - v. After a brief discussion of whether or not the proposed changes have any chance of implementation by September (consensus: no, not by normal faculty governance channels), we agreed to stay for a half hour special session after the forum ends to summarize comments and vote on the approval of one or both proposals.
4. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.