

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
General Education Committee

Minutes  
March 28, 2008  
Haas Library 216  
**8:30 – 10:00 AM**

Members present: Veronica Kenausis (chair), Abbey Zink, Alan Anderson, Robin Flanagan (recording), Ron Drozdenko, Daryle Brown, Patty O'Neill, Kerry Walker, Paula Secondo

1. Robin Flanagan was appointed as recorder.
2. The minutes from February 29, 2008, were approved (Secondo, Walker) unanimously.
3. Community input & comments: no members of the community were present.
4. New Business.
  - a. History courses (Rosenthal) – Tabled because Rosenthal not available.
  - b. CSUS Assessment grants: Flanagan and Kenausis will pursue this.
5. Old Business
  - a. Recap/debriefing from open forums: where we go from here
  - b. K. Wiss' suggestions/ideas

Both of these items were considered together. The committee had a discussion on what step to take next. There was general consensus that, based on the Forum held on March 12, that the ACT framework could not be implemented without additional evidence to convince faculty that the General Education curriculum should be changed. The specific concerns from the forum included a worry about academic freedom, concerns about how the new framework would be implemented in specific departments,

and a concern about the levels implied in the powerpoint presentation about ACT. The discussion ended with two motions. The first motion was to initiate an electronic portfolio method of general education assessment (Drozdenko, Brown) and this passed unanimously. The second motion as to use a nationally normed standardized assessment tool to assess general education outcomes initially (Walker, Drozdenko). This passed (7 in favor and 1 opposed).

6. Other Business

- a. There was no other business.

7. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.