**Western Connecticut State University**

**General Education Committee**

**Minutes, Tuesday, April 3, 2012 Meeting**

**Members present:** Robin Flanagan, Xiaomei Gong , Ed Hagan, Charles Rocca, Abbey Zink )

1. Approval of March Minutes:
	1. Flanagan revised paragraph 4b to state “way more than six months.”
	2. Flanagan moved, Gong seconded, acceptance of the minutes as revised. Motion passed 4-0-1.
2. New Business:
	1. Hagan distributed the results of a student satisfaction survey for the Explorer Program. The survey was completed by students in December 2011, following upon their semester-long participation in the Explorer Program.
	2. Hagan distributed a proposed Explorer schedule for the Fall ’12 semester. Approximately 200 students will be involved in Fall ’12. This time in addition to groups of undeclared majors, there will be groups for JLA, Psychology, and Pre-Nursing majors—usually the most popular choices of incoming freshmen.
		* Zink moved, Rocca seconded a motion to approve the continuation of the Explorers Program for an additional year. Motion passed, 4-0-1.
	3. Rocca reported on Patrick Ryan’s Writing assessment activity. Provost Gates has authorized 1.5 FWL credits for the project this summer. In addition to Ryan, there will be four raters, all experienced writing teachers.
	4. Rocca introduced the topic of the latest Board of Regents actions regarding a system-wide General Education Requirement for the first 30 credits of a student’s curriculum. The committee will be asked at the May 1 meeting to vote on the composition articulation issue.
	5. Flanagan asked the committee to review a 2008 document on learning outcomes.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Hagan

Secretary pro tem