

**WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**General Education Committee**  
**Minutes**

**Date:** April 13, 2007

**Time:** 8:30am-10:00am

**Place:** Haas Library—2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Members present:** D. Brown, R. Drozdenko, R. Flanagan, V. Kenausis, P. Secondo, L. Vaden-Goad, A. Zink

**Guests:** C. Summers, B. Petkanas, I. Duffy, I. Carvalho, M. Murray, F. Halligan, J. Schlicht

**Appointment of recorder:** D. Brown

**Minutes from March 9, 2007:** moved to accept (Brown/Zink)/ unanimously approved

**Community input and comments:** none

**New Business:**

Common read for FYE (F. Halligan): F. Halligan suggested Ishmael: Adventure of Mind and Spirit by Daniel Quinn/ it was felt that if and when a common book is suggested, this may be a good one.

General Education changes for American Studies (M. Murray): M. Murray provided hand-outs and explained changes to American Studies—Elementary Certification Program/ changes comply with catalog/ motion made to accept changes as presented (Zink/Secondo)/ unanimously accepted

Review of FYE courses and next steps:

Passport to Paideia: after much discussion, the General Education Committee is supportive of the concept and sees a natural connection between Passport and impending First Year Experience; however, the Committee seeks feedback from each School, academic department and other implicated units of the University on specific questions.

Student Affairs representative on the Committee: all members of the University community are invited to attend all of the Gen Ed Committee meetings/ all information from the Gen Ed Committee is posted on the web

May/June workshops for faculty teaching FYE courses (with B. Petkanas): tentatively scheduled for Tuesday May 22, 2007 12:00pm-2:00pm luncheon.

**Other Business:** a conference on *A Shared Vision for College Readiness and Success* will be held at the University of Connecticut on June 5, 2007/ several of the Committee members will be going

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daryle L. Brown*