

Western Connecticut State University
General Education Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
September 11, 2009

Present: Daryle Brown (PS), Ron Drozdenko (Ancell), Veronica Kenausis (Library, Webmaster), Patty O'Neill (First Year Coordinator), Ingrid Pruss (At-Large), Chuck Rocca (A&S, Chair), Alba Skar (A&S), Linda Vaden-Goad (Dean)

The Meeting Convened at 2:05pm

1. Announcements: None
2. May 2009 Minutes approved (Kenausis / Brown) 4/0, 2 abstaining.
3. Old Business:
 - a. The Committee will meet the second Friday of the month at 3:00 pm.
 - b. FYE Update
P. O'Neill provided an update on the FY program. There will be an FY expert (Dr. Betsy Barefoot) speaking at a workshop on best practices for FY instructors in October.

There was a discussion of the link between Gen Ed and the FY program and the inclusion of non-Gen Ed courses in the FY program

The Committee will pursue the inclusion of the FY requirement on all program sheets. P. O'Neill will develop a draft of these requirements for the next meeting.
 - c. MAPP Update – tabled until next meeting
4. New Business:
 - a. FDS MAT 299 in Cryptology (Drozdenko / Pruss) 7/0 Carried Unanimously.
 - b. The Committee will generate goals/objectives for each of the categories of the Gen Ed curriculum. These goal/objectives are intended to facilitate the work of the Committee in terms of both course approval and assessment. This will also allow the Committee to give guidance to the university community with regard to our expectations and encourage the development of Gen Ed courses in departments not currently offering them.

The Committee will review the Educated Person document and the Gen Ed statement of principles for the next meeting for the purpose of guiding the drafting of these goal/objectives. This draft will be distributed to affected Departments for feedback.

- c. As a standing policy of this Committee, affected departments will be notified and invited to attend meetings when SDS, FDS and similar course proposals are being considered as possibly fulfilling Gen Ed requirements.
- d. Assessment of Foreign Language Requirement – Tabled until a future meeting.

Recorder:
R. Drozdenko