

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
General Education Committee

Meeting Minutes
9/15/2006
Haas Library 413
1:30-3:00pm

Present: D. Brown, R. Drozdenko, R. Flanagan, V. Kenausis (Chair), P. Secondo, L. Vaden-Goad, A. Zink
Guests: J. Briggs, P. Lyons, J. Wilcox

Announcements:

1. The Committee's student representative cannot change her work hours and therefore another student representative must be identified.
2. P. Secondo was appointed as recorder.
3. R. Flanagan will replace Mike Chapell as liaison to CUCAS.

Community Input:

1. Jerry Wilcox presented the Committee with "The Critical Thinking Rubric". He announced that he would be convening the next meeting of the Assessment Committee (SC 228, 2:30, 9/21/2006) and encouraged all General Education Committee members to attend.

New Business:

1. The minutes of the September 8, 2006 meeting were approved. Brown/Flanagan (5/0/1).
2. Unanimous approval of ENG 1XXW: Introduction to Professional Writing and ENG 102W: Introduction to Creative Process as a general education course in Humanities/Literature and Humanities/Communication. Drozdenko/Flanagan (6/0/0)
3. Debriefing by V. Kenausis on the UPBC's approval of the First Year Experience.
4. Debriefing by V. Kenausis on her meeting with Dr. Linda Rinker, Provost.
5. General Education wiki's were discussed:

(a) Program; (b) Academic Skills and Success Factors; (c) Outcomes; (d) Goals; (e) Syllabi template

Motion: "A minimum of 3 academic skills and 2 success factors must be incorporated for General Education First-Year Experience consideration. (6/0/0)

Motion: All "academic skills" are to be worth 10%, all University Success Factors are to be worth 5%. "Brown/Flanagan (6/0/0)

6. Time Line:

It was decided that the General Education Committee will have fleshed out "First Year Experience" documentation (academic skills and university success factors) by November 2, 2006 and submit said materials to CUCAS.