

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
General Education Committee Minutes  
DATE: October 3, 2008  
PLACE: Old Main Conference Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
TIME: 9:00am-10:40am

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Brown, R. Drozdenko, R. Flanagan (Chair), V. Kenausis, P. O'Neil,  
C. Rocca, A. Skar, L. Vaden-Goad, K. Walker, Alan Anderson

Guests: P. Bowers (on conference call), P. Ryan

Appointment of recorder: R. Drozdenko

1. Minutes of May 2 meeting - Tabled
2. Minutes of September 5 meeting accepted unanimously (Rocco / Skar) with corrections.
3. Most of the meeting was dedicated to a conference call with Pam Bowers of Oklahoma State University. Several topics related to a Gen Ed portfolio assessment program were discussed.
  - Structure of OSU assessment committee
  - Administrative support and program costs
  - Responsibility and compensation for participating faculty
  - Portfolio sampling method
  - Rubric development and measurement of improvement
  - Recommendations
    - Establish structure and systems for portfolio assessment program
    - Review University mission and objectives
    - Develop learning goals based on objectives
    - Start with one objective / learning goal (e.g., writing)
4. Input from community – None
5. Old business
  - a) Update on FYE – A preliminary report from Jerry Wilcox is encouraging as to the value of the FYE program.
  - b) Update on assessment of General Education curriculum – A model for implementing the MAP assessment instrument was presented and discussed. Freshman will be sampled in November and Seniors in the Spring. Course sections for testing have been identified.
6. New business  
The Writing Requirement - Patrick Ryan of the Writing, Linguistics & Creative Process Department discussed writing intensive courses and inclusion criteria. The issue of faculty orientation / training for WIC was discussed.

7. Adjourn (by 10:40)

R. Drozdenko