

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
General Education Committee Meeting

DATE: October 6, 2005

PRESENT: Daryle Brown, Robin Flanagan, Veronica Kenausis, Bill Petkanas,
Paula Secondo, Linda Vaden-Goad, Abbey Zink; Dan Barrett (guest)

1. P. Secondo was designated recorder.
2. Minutes of September 8, 2005 were unanimously approved.
3. Community Input and Comments: None
4. Old Business: General Education Course Designation form was unanimously approved (Flanagan/Zink). V. Kenausis will describe the form at the next Senate meeting. It will be emphasized that the form reflects the existing system. The designations will change over time. The process will be as follows: Program Review to General Education Committee to Cucas
5. New Business:
 - (a) The Committee still lacks student representation. Committee members are encouraged to solicit student membership. Direct interested students to SGA.
 - (b) Restructuring of GenEd requirements:

The following three ideas were proposed and discussed as potential starting places for the restructuring of General Education:

 - i. Inclusion of a "portfolio" component
 - ii. Requirement that all students enroll in "1st yr experience"
 - iii. To increase the number of Writing Intensive courses to two (2).
 - (c) The committee voted to focus its efforts toward investigating the logistics involved in requiring all new students (freshmen as well as transfers) to enroll in a "1st year experience course.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45a.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Secondo