



COMMISSION FOR ADULT LEARNERS

February 10, 2010

324 Outreach Building,

University Park

10:30 a.m.

Minutes

Attended: Joann Olson, Amy Pancoast, and Judy Wills (Recorder)

By phone: Keith Hillkirk, Chair; Galen Grimes, Linda Higginson, Martha Jordan, Leslie Laing, Jane Owens, and Laura Swinyer

Guests, by phone: Ina Lubin, Shannon Wabby

Unable to attend: Lori Bechtel-Wherry, Sharon Christ, Robert Farrell, Anna Griswold, Karin Foley, Theodora Jankowski, Spencer Lewis, Michael Mahalik, Jacob Moore, Joel Rodney, and Karen Schultz

- 1) Keith Hillkirk called the meeting to order. There were no announcements announcements
- 2) The draft minutes from December 9, 2009, were approved by voice vote with request to verify spelling of the York scholarship cited. Judy Wills will verify and make any necessary correction.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a) Faculty Engagement committee-No report .
 - b) Hendrick Conference planning committee-Leslie Laing reported that the committee has identified and received confirmation of students to participate in the opening panel. One of the original participants became unavailable, and a replacement will be sought. The call for proposals for breakout sessions has been extended to February 15; twelve have been received to date. The conference evaluations will be conducted online via Zoomerang. Photographer has been arranged. Nominations for Annual Awards will be announced and available in March and the next marketing message is expected mid-February. The committee is seeking questions for use in a planned panel discussion featuring academic deans. Commission members should email

- suggested topics or questions to Leslie Laing and Sharon Christ and copy Martha Jordan before March 3, 2010.
- c) PLA Committee did not meet since December and are awaiting their requested update be made to the It Shows web page by Outreach. Only after that page is updated with all PLA content will the committee be ready to ask for Commission support for new/improved links to it. The committee will meet by conference call within the next few weeks and look to other action steps which will advance PLA at PSU.
- 4) College Readiness Program, Shannon Wabby, Penn State Schuylkill Program Director/Adult Enrollment Coordinator and Ina K. Lubin, Northeast PA Regional Continuing Education Director gave a presentation of their planned pilot College Prep for Adults program to be offered twice a year beginning in March/April 2010. The program is targeted at adults who are first-time students or returning after an absence of three to five years. The presentation discussed goals, timeline, marketing content, evaluation, and costs and fees of the pilot. Commission members were provided handouts electronically prior to the meeting. After the program, Commission members had opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions to the program.
- 5) Other items-Keith Hillkirk, Martha Jordan, Leslie Laing, Linda Higginson and Laura Swinyer attended a breakfast meeting with the Board of Trustees on January 23. Members who represented the Commission at the breakfast reported trustees were interested and engaged in discussing the goals of the Commission. Leslie Laing suggested creating a focus lunch with the other three Commissions in attendance (Commission for Women, Commission on Racial/Ethnic Diversity, and Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equity) to discuss overlapping issues.
- 6) The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Wills