



Commission for Adult Learners Executive Committee
February 20, 2013
324 Outreach Building, Innovation Park
12:30 p.m.
Minutes

Attended: Gary Lawler, Chair; Martha Aynardi (by phone), Anna Griswold, Martha Jordan (by phone), Paula Pierce, Karen Pollack, Pat Shope, Judy Wills (Recorder)

Unable to attend: Paula Milone- Nuzzo

- 1) Gary Lawler called the meeting to order. Lawler asked that committee reports be listed as first order of business on the March meeting agenda.
- 2) Attendees approved minutes of December 19, 2012 by voice vote.
- 3) Updates from Commission Meeting—Martha Jordan thanked Anna Griswold for her annual update on financial aid and asked Griswold to continue to provide an update annually after her term of membership ends. Karen Pollock asked that enrollment update continue after Rachel Heverly's term ends. Committee agreed.
- 4) Old Business-
 - a) PLA Pilot meeting—Pat Shope noted that PLA Pilot charge meeting attendees expressed concern about use of PLA gaining acceptance at University Park. The PLA committee is looking at courses with most requests and will also consider outcome of meeting between Ken Womack, as ACUE Chair, and Yvone Gaudelius. Ken Thigpen volunteered to lead the effort creating the list. Gaudelius could also add members. Deans and Associate Deans would be among targeted members to assist with selecting courses and updating procedure. The committee has received approval to proceed with updating the language and format of the online Credit by Exam form.

- b) Shope also noted that a Faculty Senate Task force is looking at making a recommendation to increase fee for assessing prior learning and such increase may not be friendly to adults. Shope reiterated that the CAEL standard is to have fee cover the assessment, not be tied to number of credits awarded. Shope also pointed out the need to coordinate and mobilize PLA initiatives in a common direction and that Cathy Bieschke will be instrumental in keeping efforts cohesive. Lawler noted the need to move quickly given the limited window of time. In his capacity as Commission chair, Lawler will write to Dr. Pangborn after Shope makes contact with Pangborn's office to set up a discussion meeting.
- 5) New Business-
- a) Members should submit recommendations for Chair-elect nominees to Anna Griswold.
 - b) Budget update—Wills asked for approval to set Hendrick conference registration fee at \$75 per person, which should cover expenses less amount historically underwritten by the Commission. The Committee approved the request.
 - c) March meeting—Karen Pollack will provide an update on the Adult Learner workshops and committees will give reports for February and March. Pierce would like feedback on how to raise visibility for future Shirley Hendrick awarding cycles.
- 6) Lawler adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Wills