



Commission for Adult Learners Executive Committee

March 20, 2013

324 Outreach Building, Innovation Park

12:30 p.m.

Minutes-Draft

Attended: Gary Lawler, Chair; Martha Jordan, Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Paula Pierce, Karen Pollack, Judy Wills (Recorder)

Unable to attend: Anna Griswold, Martha Aynardi, Pat Shope

- 1) Gary Lawler called the meeting to order.
- 2) The group approved minutes of February 20, 2013 by voice vote.
- 3) Updates from Commission Meeting.
 - a) Budget task force discussion should be escalated to Dr. Hanes' office. Task force members are Kathy Bieschke, Jeff Smith, Penny Carlson and Rachel Smith.
 - b) PLA Task Force
 - i) Gary Lawler or Martha Jordan will escalate discussion around the Budget Task force to Dr. Hanes.
 - ii) Jordan will confirm date for PLA Task Force and ask about getting onto Faculty Senate agenda.
 - iii) Yvonne Gaudelius will be invited to the April 17 meeting.
 - iv) The group discussed how to keep forward progress of the PLA Committee progress and Credit by Portfolio Assessment while the University task force is forming and ways the committee work done to date can inform the larger effort.

- v) Portfolio analysis has more considerations than Credit by Exam due to subjectivity. The group discussed possible ways to incentivize the process.
- 4) Continued Business-PLA Pilot meeting
- a) The pilot's progress will be agenda topic at the April 17 Commission meeting. Lawler will check availability with Penn State Hazleton campus contacts and Jordan will invite Yvonne Gaudelius to attend.
 - b) Awards and Recognition committee items
 - i) Paula Pierce asked for feedback on how success stories received for the panel and recognitions at the Hendrick conference may be used to build repository on the Commission's web site redesign. Jordan suggested placing note cards for starting 2013-14 recognitions at each seat during the lunch program.
 - ii) Pierce also asked whether Shirley Hendrick nominees could be strategically solicited rather than using an open call for nominations and whether the Commission should ask sponsors to help identify nominees.
- 5) New Business
- a) Jordan was contacted by the College of IST to remove majors from the Registrar's exemption list. The issue is being considered by Karen Duncan.
 - b) Jordan shared a scenario from a recent recruiting event. A prospective student held misconceptions about the accreditation of the World Campus iMBA program. During committee discussion, the group asked whether the World Campus is approved in all fifty states. Pollack shared that there is a dedicated compliance specialist working on applications and renewals, but not all are complete as yet. Paula Milone-Nuzzo will send Pollack information on states which have restrictions on nursing instructors.
 - c) The group discussed recent advertising from schools that offer aid for competency-based programs. Pollack reported that a committee is being charged on assessments and outcomes.

- d) Pierce shared an example of an 'App Academy' program where instruction is free of charge unless or until a job is found in the industry.
 - e) Jordan reported that Ann Williams created a culture committee of faculty at staff to find out about adult learners at Penn State Lehigh Valley.
- 6) Lawler adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Wills