



Commission for Adult Learners

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October 15 2014 324 Outreach Building, University Park 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Executive Committee Minutes

Attendees: Ken Thigpen, Diane Chamberlin, Francis Achampong (by Polycom), Judy Wills (Recorder)

Unable to attend: Martha Jordan, Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Sueann Doran, and Pat Shope

- 1. Ken Thigpen called the meeting to order.
- 2. The group approved the minutes of September 17, 2014, as submitted.
- 3. Review/Refine Tentative schedule of special presenters-Thigpen

November 19-Francis Achampong reported that the Access and Affordability Task Force progress report will be similar. Following the announcement of the PLA Director, Ken Thigpen will invite the director to attend the November 19 meeting for discussion and update on the PLA Task Force Recommendations. Paula Milone-Nuzzo could give an informational update on the progress of the Gen Ed Task Force. Thigpen suggested asking Damon Sims what he has in mind for adult learner engagement activities in preparation of the planned agenda topic in the spring. He also suggested then invited Damon Sims to return when Engagement is on the CAL agenda.

December 17- Access and Affordability Task Force progress report; Dr. Barron will attend the first half hour of our meeting. CAL membership will need to develop questions at the November meeting for sending to President Barron through Craig Weidemann's office.

February 18-Either (combined) Engaged Scholarship and Gen Ed Task Force (Mary Beth Williams) updates or Student Aid update, asking Griswold to include some of her content from October IR Interest Group.

March 18- Either (combined) Engaged Scholarship and Gen Ed Task Force update or Student Aid update, asking Griswold to include some of her content from October IR Interest Group.

April 15-TBD. By spring, there may be sufficient movement on PLA to revisit the topic. Prepare for report out to sponsors.

May11- Adult Learner Profile data update and report out to sponsors

- 4. Continued business from full Commission meeting
 - a. Wills asked for recommendations for Hendrick keynote topic and/or speaker. Thigpen suggested check with Martha Jordan for suggestions from recent conferences. The planning committee will follow the same criteria as the Shirley Hendrick Award Criteria in seeking someone with visionary and entrepreneurial accomplishments.
 - b. Ask David Christiansen if he found updated status of Degree Completion Task Force. The group discussed how an increased number of all students are needing to work at least one job while attending school and how the criteria besides age used to define our adult learners elevates the need for such programs to make the time to degree as efficient as possible.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Wills noted that prior to her conference travel, Martha Jordan had provided preliminary information to Craig Weidemann in support of our sponsors' recommendations to raise CAL to a President's commission.
 - b. Thigpen suggested checking with Jordan on what was sent and what is still needed to fulfill Weidemann's request at the full CAL meeting.
- 6. Thigpen adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.