



Commission for **Adult Learners**

February 21, 2018

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

324 Outreach Building/

Zoom <https://psu.zoom.us/j/831320473>

Minutes

Attended: J. Campbell, Chair; A. Adams, R. Brown, J. Campbell, G. Chinn, M. Corby, J. Cross, S. Feather, D. Gruendler, L. Laing, A. Maxson, E. McFeely, B Redmond, M Rice, D. Rodgers, H. Sankey, E. Seymour, E. Shumac, D. Smith, P. Staskiel, R. Thornton-Roop, J. Wills, Recorder; E. Wright

Joined by videoconference: A. Adolph, A Lozano, H. McGarry,

Guests: A. Griswold, O. Bundy III, S. Lewis, R. Hart, C. Taylor

Unable to attend: C. Horner, N. James, P. John son

1. Announcements and updates

- a. A. Adams made motion to approve minutes from December 13, 2017. D. Smith seconded. Approved. Minutes will be uploaded to the CAL web site.

- b. Announcements

A Adams announced that virtual internship applications are open through March 16. Any student from any campus can apply. Information is available at online at student.worldcampus.psu.edu and search virtual internships.

Adams also announced Student Engagement grant applications for summer 2018 open March 2 and close March 16. These will allow for various activities including study abroad and work release time. More information is available at engage.psu.edu.

- c. Sharing adult learner initiatives at campuses-None noted.
- d. Summary report from January 18 videoconference with Adult Enrollment Coordinators (AECs)

CAL Executive Committee Hosted a videoconference with AECs on January 18. An AEC or their delegate from almost every campus participated.

Many AECs are new to jobs and the role.

The purpose of the meeting was around how the AECs would like to engage and how to move forward to collaborate with CAL.

AECs expressed interest in additional training and adult learner marketing materials.

There was interest in continued meetings, looking at possibly reconvening in fall and spring for more frequent engagement.

2. Financial Aid Update-Anna Griswold, Assistant Vice President Undergraduate Education and Executive Director for Student Aid

Griswold's slides are available in meeting materials folder in the members' shared Box folder.

Griswold shared an overview of the source and type of undergraduate financial aid for 2016-17 with breakdown of federal, state, institutional, and private aid. She also provided breakdown of loans, grants, scholarships, and work study. Private loans and scholarships secured independently are processed through financial aid office.

Reviewed need formula for determining cost of attendance.

Financial aid funding from appropriations has been flat. The last two fundraising campaigns have had focus on scholarships.

Lion Path data differences may have impacted the year over year comparison slide.

Griswold shared a Profile of Adult Learner Aid Recipients including percentages of adults who receive aid, who are PA residents, who are from under-represented groups, by gender, percentages at University Park and the commonwealth campuses who have dependent children, percentage receiving scholarships, Pell Grant recipients, and first generation.

She reviewed student loan default rates overall and percent who are adults, noting that stop outs for academic progress are more likely to default.

Proposed changes to federal aid programs pose risk of negative impact per student.

Discussion questions:

Are we counseling students who are in danger of aid issues of their options and helping them plan? Yes, according to staff capacity. Financial Literacy efforts at the University are helping. Part is exploring realistic expected starting salaries and considering what portion may be required to repay student loan debt.

3. Planning for our conversation with Provost Jones at the March 21 meeting

Jamie asked Access and Affordability to take lead to give updates over the meeting held in July.

Members can submit other topics suggestions to Campbell.

4. Liaison and Committee reports

a. Access and Affordability Task Force

Have had conversation and discussing how to best move forward. Degree completion, pathways to help students get there: cost of attendance, loans, mitigating challenges of returning after stop-out and thinking about concrete ways students can move forward.

b. Adult Learner Engagement Committee (ALEC)

Committee is working on their session for the Hendrick conference. Options for first year seminar for adults. Also discussed adult learner marketing materials. Launched Canvas pride specifically for AECs to engage and connect with one another. The committee plans to provide updates twice per month. CAL members outside of ALEC may request to be added to the pride by emailing A. Adams at aaa328@psu.edu.

CAL members may also forward to ALEC announcements for sharing with AECs through the pride.

c. Hendrick Award and Conference Planning

The 2018 Shirley Hendrick Award recipient has been selected and notified. The award will be presented April 3 at the Faculty/Staff Awards reception. We will host the recipient as guest of honor at the Hendrick conference and the recipient will give brief remarks during the conference lunch program.

Reminder of Hendrick conference date: May 9 at the Nittany Lion Inn. Program details have been shared with service partners for anticipated registration opening soon after Spring Break.

d. Military and Veteran Support Services Committee

Awaiting final verbiage for short-term military leave. Looking at Green Zone training. There will be an Honor Cord ceremony May 3 at 4:30 p.m. at University Park. World Campus, DuBois and Altoona will be invited. Potential exists to extend to other attendees from campuses.

e. Faculty Senate Liaison-

There is a joint committee effort looking at academic suspension and warning with the goal of a more holistic student recovery process.

f. 20th Anniversary ad hoc committee

The dinner will follow the May 8 year-end meeting. The guest list will include past chairs, sponsors and Shirley Hendrick recipients since CAL began administering the award. Dr. Barron attend and give brief remarks and E. Wright will reach out to Charlene Harrison and Martha Jordan to give comments. Wright collected nearly 3- name suggestions to feature in the planned Penn State News article.

g. Nominating Committee-Process and timeline for 2019-2020 Chairperson

A. Lozano will lead nominations for Chairperson-elect for 2018-19. Committee is outgoing members (R. Brown, S. Feather, A. Maxson, and R. Thorton-Roop). Members can self-nominate or nominate an appointed member after confirming agreement to be on the ballot. Lozano will present the slate at the March 21 CAL meeting and will take nominations from the floor. The vote will be by electronic ballot with results announced at the April meeting.

5. Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence Campaign-O. Richard Bundy III, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

Core imperatives: Open Doors, Create Transformative Experiences, Impact the World. Also additional strategic philanthropy for items which do not fit into one of the three imperatives.

Unique characteristics of campaign is matching contributions to inspire donors. University's portion is paid immediately to trigger scholarships, donors have five years to pay out pledge. Donors can select campus or college and select one of the programs.

None of the scholarship programs differentiate between traditional and adult learners. Adults are eligible for all. Everyone at the University is infused in this campaign.

Actively raising money for new veterans service center.

Campbell adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in 324 Outreach Building, with videoconferencing available.

Submitted by Judy Wills.