



Commission for **Adult Learners**

December 19, 2018
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
404 Old Main with Zoom videoconferencing*
Executive Committee

Attendance: J. Campbell, T. Spevak, A. Adams, E. Wright, Chair; A. Adolph, D. Smith, P. Staskiel, and J. Wills, recorder

1. Announcements and approval vote for November 14, 2018 minutes. A. Adams moved to approve the November 14 minutes, T. Spevak second. Approved.

2. New business

a. January AEC meeting agenda and messaging discussion

Wright met with AEC liaisons to speak about tentatively planned January AEC meeting. Recommend postponing the meeting tentatively planned for January and to survey the AECs to gather information to ensure right person is in the role, what committees are doing, and what end-of-year takeaways could inform a possible early fall meeting.

Also need to make sure that chancellors are aware of the role and who fills it.

Concern that without the planned meeting, there is risk of losing engagement among the AECs.

Explore University strategic planning seed grant proposal.

Need to look at where to house advocacy efforts--At committee level, or more grounded?

Opportunity here for further discussion vis a vis the role and how to align moving forward with the role. Possibly engaging at advising level.

Could ALEC committee host the conversation, with talking points from Wright and exec committee? Adams will draft a loose agenda around challenges or pain points and introduce the planned survey.

b. Planning for Provost Jones' attendance at February 2019 meeting

Wright will revise the talking points used for earlier conversation with President and include materials from mid-year reports.

Additional topic suggestions:

Thinking of concept lifelong learning, how do we engage staff in this?

Asking how we can fit into strategic plan in bigger picture way.

At recent meeting, President spoke about campuses and income from each and Provost talked about budget in terms of academic resources. How to push on that question of how to guard against inequitable allocation of resources.

Need for bridge to what type of learning is necessary for success at Penn State from both student and faculty perspective. How do we make sure that experiences student have at campuses statewide is as similar as it can possibly be in terms of resources? Do campus resources negatively impact that goal?

c. Items escalated during CAL meeting

Hendrick selection committee: J. Campbell, Chair; Invite sponsors, T. Spevak, P. Staskiel, L. Wright, ex officio.

Need to select recipient by 4th week of January to allow for additional operational processing.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2019 by Zoom to finalize plans for the February 20 meeting with Provost Jones. Wright will send an invitation with agenda.

Submitted by J. Wills