



**PennState**

## Commission for **Adult Learners**

**Committee:** Executive Committee meeting

**Date:** 9/18/2019

**Location:** Penn Stater

**Attended:** Patricia Staskiel, Brian Redmond, Michele Rice, Helen McGarry, Julie Cross, Jeff Warner, Debra Rodgers

**Unable to attend:** Chuck Greggs, Elizabeth Wright

### **Summary of topics discussed and actions items:**

- Discussed executive committee agenda and voted on items that required attention. (Specifics follow)
  - Staskiel led a conversation regarding summer meeting with sponsors (ex. cutting back number of members, new budget model)
    - VOTE: Water provided at full meetings. RESULT: YES (unanimous)
    - VOTE: Lunch provided for executive committee: RESULT: YES (unanimous)
  - Staskiel led a conversation regarding AEC. Several suggestions emerged:
    - Several suggested that AEC positions needed a refocus; particularly dropping “enrollment” from title and replacing with something that better describes role such as “engagement”.
    - McGarry suggested we find out how AECs prefer to be contacted
    - Conversation among group regarding how accountable AEC’s are and to whom
    - Warner suggested an adult learner community for campuses
    - VOTE: Provide AEC’s with a copy of Goldie Blumenstyk’s book. RESULT: YES (unanimous)
  - Group discussed topic planning for full commission meetings. This rough schedule emerged:
    - October: office of student aid update AND undergraduate admissions update
    - November: American Talent Initiative update AND Starfish update
    - December: Mid-year reports AND President Barron visit
    - February: CFW/Equity Commission update AND Libraries update
    - March: One Penn State implementation update AND Articulation/Transfer credit update
    - April: Provost Jones
    - May: Annual adult learner date update

- Student Commission membership was discussed
  - Staskiel stated some requests were in process
  - Rodgers suggested a panel/sounding board/satellite committee to bounce ideas off if a dedicated group of students can't be found
  - McGarry suggested engaging AEC's to help selection
  - Staskiel going to check with sponsors
  - Student advisory board may serve as Hendrick Conference panel

**Items to be placed on the Commission and/or Executive Committee Meeting Agendas:**

**The next committee meeting date, time, and location:** October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 12:30-1:30 PM  
324 Outreach Building, Innovation Park