

Agenda June 16th , 2021

10:30 AM-12 PM Zoom:

<https://psu.zoom.us/j/94033117656>

1. Bylaws

2. End of year reflections

Breakout sessions discussions were done as to what went well. PLA, Hendricks – going outside PSU to increase information sharing. Increased recognition across the institution for the needs of adult learners with financial aid. Need to continue that work. We experienced challenges with WFH, technology and can better understand our adult learners' experience. How do we do outreach to reconnect them to PSU. We have gotten better with technology, increased grit and perseverance during this shared experience. Discussion was had about our roles for advocacy of the adult learners moving forward. Social experiences and peer-to-peer interactions need to be a focus. WC students ask for more synchronous ways to connect. More cocurricular activities for students and for staff/faculty to reconnect. Increase Empathy.

It would be good for faculty to know if they have adult learners in their classroom – but how and who could do this? We could at least recognize and spread the fact that 19% of all PSU students are adults.

Ruth Ann suggested doing a Newswire story to help others make the connection between some of what we all experienced is much the same of that our adult learners deal with all the time. Brian will look in to that.

3. Thoughts for next year Listservs

Brian, what does Kelly need, what are the suggestions....

Awareness! Informational report, newswire stories, Having resources available (OL 2000 & 3100 for faculty training re having adult learners). Think of classes as a "Multi-generational" classroom...students learning with and from each other. May be a good way for CAL to take the lead on a campaign. Renatta

Retention committees can CAL get information from WC on what is being planned and can it be shared. Renatta.

Dr. Patrick mentioned campuses are able to focus on getting to know all students and some have a higher number of adult learners.

Continue One-PS committee work from last year, follow up on the survey. 492 students on the survey offered to participate in a focus group. This should be continued and started next year.

Renatta suggested CAL take a look at state numbers on adult learners. Numbers of PA residents who have some education, but no degree. We need to look at this PA state data.

Leslie Laing, promote and highlight adult learners' individual success stories to help highlight what resources are needed, etc. Also use to promote and market. Leverage the AEC list to look for the stories. Let others know we are adult friends. Brian. Leverage the value of the PSU Degree – four-year degrees. We need to highlight that story. Avis. Clayton and Renatta will help get the story started.

Brian: Thank yous were given:

Stephanie, secretary who helps CAL function. She handled web sites, list serves, etc.

Outgoing members. Gary and Patty will be leaving us this year. Thanks to them.

Thanks to the entire group making progress this past year, and we did some great work all using zoom and being remote. The Hendrick, the survey, AL Dashboard (Liz) many great accomplishments.

Brian appreciated us "going bold" as he requested at the beginning of the year.

From Kelly W: Thanking Brian for keeping us on track this challenging year.

Renatta Recognized Dr. Hanes as retiring this year, and has been such a great support of adult learners.

Antone Motioned to adjourn and Patty seconded it at 11:47am. Ruth

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