



Penn State Commission for Adult Learners

General Meeting Notes

Date: 11/17/2021

Time: 10:30am

A. Welcome

Welcome to Stacy Sekely as a new member Brian Redmond; Antone Aboud second and others approved by a “thumbs up” indicator.

B. Approval of Minutes

Approval motion: Brian Redmond; Antone Aboud second and others approved by a “thumbs up” indicator.

C. Guest Introduction (if needed) No guests

D. Hendrick Award Process Update

Brian, nominations coming in, please send more nominations in to the committee. Dec. 13 is the deadline. This year a luncheon is being planned to present the award to separate from the Hendrick Conference. This award will get included in the University embedded award. A new AL listserv is being created that this will be sent to soon.

E. Hendrick Conference Update

Chuck updates: Website has been updated, working on save the date email messages. Call for presentations emailed them to us, and this year is an online submission. We are in need of a keynote speaker, no ideas right now. Keep in mind the theme as lessons learned from the past year.

F. Committee Updates (each month we will rotate who goes first for the updates)

-Adult Learner Engagement (ALEC) Biddy Brooks. Email was sent to all AECs to look at best practices across the system to join us for a meeting where they can share ideas. There was a great response and months are filled nicely. We had the first in November. Gina Whalen indicated a couple AECs are in attendance today. There was great discussion and Gina plans to synthesize the information and distribute or present the information at Hendrick.

-Student Persistence, Experience, and Completion (SPEC) Renee Thornton-Roop updated on the transfer credit process. Focus groups are being planned and they are looking at working with faculty and admissions to identify things that hold-up students transfer credit approvals.

-One Penn State Moving Forward - Eugene McFeely. Eight topics were selected to review the survey. Starting to plan the focus groups and outreach to possible participants. First focus group is related to networking opportunities so that adult learners can communicate with others at PSU. This will be the pilot, and will consider the timing of these and use low tempo times.

G. Student Participant Comments Tana Mcghee-Wegner introduced herself as employee and student. Reminder any member can invite students to attend. Next month is our time with Dr. Barron so feel free to invite any student.

H. Sponsors' Comments Clayton Steen was representing. Congratulated Tana on her graduation. Welcomed Stacy to commission. Enjoy the upcoming holiday.

I. Announcements Good for the Group

1. Dr. Barron is joining us next time and he wants to hear from us and understand what we do as a Commission. Other agreed we would give a brief survey update? Then open up the dialogue. Also, subcommittee chairs to be prepared to take a 3-4 min overview of what the committee is doing and the data supporting this.
2. Jeffrey Warner asked for students to be present during Dr. Barron's time as that would be beneficial as he likes to make that connection during our meeting. Kelly agreed, please invite.
3. Look for out-of-date information on the web site, please contact us with changes.

4. Kelly our meetings have been streamlined and may not be 90 mins while on Zoom. Kelly is exploring options to be in person this spring, but January will still be held by Zoom.

Open Announcements:

1. Melissa Kunes wanted to mention the funds through American rescue act is available to all students for fall. 31,000 students were awarded. Not all students accepted it, and they will be cancelled later this week if they did not. Encourage any students you know. There is another application process, there is not rules of Fafsa or domestic status and can be online learners. Go to studentaid.psu.edu. Up to \$1,000. The award would be out by the first of December. Share this with your outlets.
2. Avis Kunz wanted to remind us that academic units also have funds for struggling students.
3. A few members are at the CAEL conference and Brian is presenting. If we have time in the future meeting, it would be nice to share what is learned at this conference.
4. Clayton Steen would like to hear more in depth about what the committees are doing so that sponsors can assist. We will discuss this at the Exe meeting.

J. Adjournment 11:15am

