

CAL General Meeting Notes

Date: March 16, 2022

Time: 10:30Am

- A. Welcome** – Kelly welcomed everyone to our meeting. Yvonne will be joining us, but closer to 11:30am today.
- B. Introduction: Michael Dipasquale** – employee for WPSU of over 15 years and is joining us as the person responsible for updating our CAL website. He will be joining us monthly.
- c. Introduction: Amy Rustic** – new member representing the Univ. Libraries this year.

B. Approval of Minutes

Approval motion: Renee Thornton-Roop motioned to accept the minutes and John Holst second the motion. Majority approvals in the chat.

C. Guest Introduction (if needed) Yvonne Gaudelius will be joining us later as our guest.

Yvonne joined at 11:30am, she indicated she appreciated our recordings as she cannot always attend. She appreciates the dedication the commission members give to CAL. She mentioned that in undergrad education much of the conversation focuses on traditional age students. Although it is an important part of our PS population, it is good this group focuses on the interests in adult learners. She mentioned we need to pay attention to where are the “pain points” for this group.

They discussed adult learners not having to get a HS transcript. They do not need to do this, so make sure our language is clear that it is fine. This could be a “pain point” for these students.

Yvonne asked that we continue to elevate these types of policies that can hinder the adult learner.

Jeff Adams is co-chairing a committee looking at the possibility of a new degree audit and planner tool. This planner tool could help the transfer students. We

need to look at very clear pathways to degree completion. Arizona state announced they were having direct pathways from all community colleges.

Sawroop reintroduced the AP limitations to under 21 years of age and if there is opportunity to review this with the College Board. Michelle mentioned that credit by exam could be another way to achieve prior credits.

Good discussion was had about serving adult learners and how it helps all populations when we discuss and solve issues for any special group.

D. Hendrick Award Process Update - We had selected the winner, and announcements are coming. Awards ceremony is upcoming. The winner will be joining us next year in the Commission.

E. Hendrick Conference Update

Chuck Greggs announced registration is up on the Web Site and it will open later today.

F. Committee Updates

DEEP DIVE -Adult Learner Engagement (ALEC) - Gina Whalen with Bidy Brooks as Co-Chair. 2016-17 committee was charged to look at best practices and ways to engage adult learners. Gina gave a brief history highlighting the accomplishments of this group since 2016. Proposal done for this year's Hendrick Conference. Discussions were held about who are the AECs on campuses. It was recommended to ask Kelly Austin to mention this at the campus leadership meetings.

G. Student Participant Comments

Tana McGhee-Wegner was on the call and she indicated she is doing well and applying to grad school. She indicated that talking with peers they were struggling with Canvas and she provided them with tips and other resources. Salena Merrick made a chat comment her semester is going well and she is a new mom. Swaroop Edka in India are transitioning to Univ Park from her WC, AP courses.

H. Sponsors' Comments I. Announcements Good for the Group

Kelly announced she and Jeff met with student affairs representatives that work with student government groups. Their agendas were full this semester. They will connect again late April to get on the agendas for the upcoming year, early in the fall semester.

Kelly mentioned the CAL leaders would like to arrange a Zoom social gathering over lunch or happy hour. A survey will be coming out and they will schedule an event if there is enough interest. The link to the survey was placed in chat.

Open Announcements:

Michele Rice announced ACUE passed the PLA for credit by exam and credit by portfolio. She is very pleased;ll this will be a new online process starting this fall.

Melissa Kuhns announced applications for the Federal Relief grant funds (\$850) is available on the student aid site. Encourage your students to apply.

Brian Redmond announced there are still openings for position elections in CAL. Email Brian if you need additional information.

Clayton Steen congratulated our students present today. He enjoyed the deep dive today. He had a suggestion to ask Kelly and the Chancellors to perhaps give the AEC reps a certificate of appreciation for their service annually for their volunteer work. It would be an opportunity to recognize them.

Clayton is excited about the Hendrick conference this year and the ideas for a hybrid model next year.

Next month Provost Jones will be with us for our April meeting for an hour. Kelly will prepare him for the visit. We have another sponsor update for April also. Plan to attend.

J. Adjournment 12:00Noon