



Penn State

Commission for Adult Learners

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: March 20, 2024

Time: Noon - 1:00PM

Attendance: William Fritz, Jessica O'Brien, JoAnne Kelly, Biddy Brooks, Leslie Laing, Michele Rice, Tracie White, Whitney Zimmerman, Charles Greggs.

Welcome

February Minutes Approval

Motion to approve: Chuck.

Seconded by: Bill.

Approved

Hendrick Conference Update

- Moderators requested for the conference; Scheduled for April 8.

Election Update

- Jeff plans to host elections next month (April).
- Encouragement to consider self-nomination or nominations of others.

EOY Reports

- Chairs reminded that reports are due in June.
- Proposal to focus on transfer credits collectively across committees instead of individual sections, potentially enhancing the case to faculty senate and sponsors.
 - Agreement reached; Strat-comm aims to communicate transfer credit strategy with detailed suggestions/recommendations and review potential models.
 - Emphasis on specificity, addressing low-hanging fruit without extensive debate.
 - Plan to compile a list at the next meeting.
 - Recognized as a broader issue affecting student retention beyond adult learners.
- Inquiry into data on students with transfer credits or potential enrollment growth strategies.
 - Difficulty capturing pre-application student loss; proposed examination of yield rates university-wide.
 - Challenge of lacking audit data and incomplete student profiles.
- Affordability discussed as a key concern; example provided of [Franklin University's cost calculator and preferred pathway program](#).
- Caution against fixation on minor details; anticipation of thorough discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

- Open floor for additional topics.
 - Interest expressed from a member of the Hendrick Family to join and contribute to the Commission; to be invited and onboarded at the April meeting.

Adjournment (No later than 12:50)