



Penn State

Commission for Adult Learners

General Meeting Agenda Date:

April 16, 2025

Time: 10:30 – 11:30

Attendees: JoAnn Kelly, Biddy Brooks, Trisha Everhart, Bill Fritz, Chuck Greggs, John Holst, Sheri Matter, Eugene McFeeley, Jessica O'Brien, Esther Prins, Michele Rice, Nadia Richardson, Renee Thornton-Roop, Clayton Steen, Gina Wahlen, Michelle Wiley, Erin Hendrick, Melissa Kunes

Welcome

Minutes Approval

- **Motion:** Chuck Greggs
- **Second:** Bill Fritz
- **Approval**

Elections for New Officers

- Bill Fritz reminded the group that it's time to nominate and elect officers for the next term, specifically for Chair and Secretary of the Commission.
- He has not received any nominations yet and encourages members to discuss potential nominees and confirm their interest before submitting names.
- Nominations can be sent directly to Bill, Jess, Joanne, or any Executive Committee member, with Bill being the preferred contact.
- The election will be conducted via email before the end of the term.
- JoAnn Kelly offered to send a reminder email to the committee

Melissa Kunes: Financial Aid Information

- Shared information on Financial Aid using data for both adult students and undergraduates
- Data dashboards are available via a SharePoint site
- The new 2024–25 FAFSA formula includes significant changes
- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) has been replaced by the Student Aid Index (SAI)
- The FAFSA will return to an October 1 release date for the 2026–27 cycle, allowing families more time to plan
- Concerns about IRS data being shared with immigration authorities

Chuck Greggs: Hendrick Conference

- Conference is planned for Great Valley
- Dates to be determined
- JoAnn checking GV calendar for availability
- Suggestions for a keynote speaker are welcomed

- JoAnn and Chuck will coordinate logistics

JoAnn Kelly: Support for Student Parents

- Student with childcare concerns; wants to bring newborn to class
- Accommodation is available through the Office of Ethics and Compliance under Title IX
- Presentation from this office, since many adult learners might be affected
- Amber Groce serving as Interim Title IX coordinator
- Michelle W. noted WC student organization for parents

JoAnn Kelly: Renata Engel to present at next meeting

- APPR Committee work
- Broader discussion on campus closures
 - Effect on students and Commissions efforts

Adjournment