



## Commission for Adult Learners Executive Committee

November 14, 2012

324 Outreach Building, Innovation Park

12:30 p.m.

Notes

Attended: Gary Lawler, Chair; Martha Aynardi (by phone), Anna Griwsold, Martha Jordan, Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Paula Pierce, Karen Pollack, Pat Shope, Judy Wills (notes)

- 1) Gary Lawler called the meeting to order.
- 2) The group approved minutes of October 17, 2012 by voice vote.
- 3) Updates from Commission Meeting
  - a) The group discussed how to best involve Kathy Bieschke during her attendance at a future meeting. Bieschke will attend the February 20 meeting.
  - b) Jordan reported that she is waiting for response from Nancy Herron on the recommendation submitted by Karen Schultz at the Commission's November meeting.
- 4) Old Business-Lawler will schedule the charge meeting for the Pilot PLA Incentive Grant Program in the northeast before winter break.
- 5) New Business
  - a) Awards Program changes-Paula Pierce reiterated the discussion from April 2012 Executive Committee meeting which recommended transitioning to broader recognitions to replace the two annual awards.
    - i) The purpose would be to incentivize others.

- ii) Suggestion was made to ask committee members to find student stories to highlight at their campuses around targeted topics as a starting point, perhaps through contact with campus AEC, Chancellors, public relations, or veterans services.
  - iii) The committee will compile stories with intent of sharing during the Hendrick conference in May, potentially as a slide show or printed booklet. Breakout session would be reserved to highlight stories selected by committee as possible themes emerge from stories received
  - iv) Griswold suggested revisiting message on the Commission's web site about the progress on the Incentive Grant program redesign. Jordan will review site and draft message.
  - v) Change to how the Commission's web site is hosted is in progress. Message update may need to occur after the change is finalized.
  - vi) To communicate the broader scope, the committee name will be updated to 'Awards and Recognition.'
- b) Griswold reported that Mark Lafer asked for more information on focus of his potential talk for a Hendrick conference session. The group suggested including data on where adult learners go and their top-selected programs, possibly by sector or the transition from community colleges to four-year institutions. The group agreed this could make a suitable general or breakout session.
- c) Jordan reported that Mike DiRaimo is confirmed to join the December 19 meeting. Amanda Wintersteen will also attend to discuss the post-election landscape impact for adult learners and college completion. Jordan will ask about the statewide degree completion task force and send committee members article from the Chronicle of Higher Education which mentions the task force.
- 6) Lawler adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Wills