



# Penn State

## Commission for Adult Learners

### General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 15, 2024

**Time:** 10:30AM - Noon

CAL Members: Bidy Brooks, Brian Cameron, Shannon Corkery, Trisha Everhart, Debra Flaig, Bill Fritz, Adrienne Goldsberry, Chuck Greggs, Erin Hendrick, Ruth Ann Herstek, John Holst, JoAnn Kelly, Melissa Kunes, Leslie Laing, Sheri Matter, Col. Eugene McFeely, Denise Poole, Esther Prins, Robin Redmond Wright, Nadia Richardson, Michele Rice, Amy Rustic, Jungwoo Ryoo, Stacy Sekely, Renee Thornton-Roop, Michael Vicaro, Jeff Warner, Gina Whalen, Tracie White

#### Attendees:

Biddy Brooks, Bill Fritz, Adrienne Goldsberry, Chuck Greggs, Erin Hendrick, John Holt, JoAnn Kelly, Melissa Kunes, Esther Prins, Michele Rice, Nadia Richardson, Clayton Steen, Jessica O'Brien, Jeff Warner

#### Welcome

Welcome to our May meeting. This is our second to last meeting with June being our final meeting of the year. As a reminder, Nadia will present our updated adult learner numbers for the University. Between now and our next meeting, Bill will send out a link to the Adult Learner Dashboard that has been updated with our Spring numbers. Please take a few moments to look through the data and bring any questions you may have to the June meeting.

Bill introduced Adrienne Goldsberry. Adrienne is an Assistant Teaching Professor and the Certificate Program adviser for online Geospatial Education. Thank you for volunteering to join the Commission, Adrienne!

#### April Minutes Approval

- Motion to Approve – John
- Second – Clayton
- Minutes Approved

#### New Business

- Bill provided some background on World Campus efforts to reengage students who have stopped out. Bill would like to make this an item to discuss next year as he will be able to provide additional details on what type of outreach is working best, which programs draw the most interest, etc.

This is always a topic of interest for this committee, but some things we can think about are:

- What can we do as an institution to ensure the pathway for them to come back to the University is as smooth as possible?
- Provide recommendations for how the University could look at engaging this population in the future.
- JoAnn provided that she sees a lot of stop outs dealing with master's programs. This is a great topic to discuss. Maybe we could explore how to stay connected with these students?
- Another topic that may be of interest to focus on next year is students coming off active-duty military and changing their campus from World Campus to University Park. Jeff has seen a significant increase in these numbers, and it may be helpful to have conversations around or draft some communication for the colleges as to some of the allowances/exceptions we make for adult learners.

### **Sponsor Comments**

- No sponsor comments, but Clayton did highlight that the Commission had a very successful year. He highlighted that we were able to engage President Bendapudi and share with her our vision for what this commission means to the commonwealth and where we need to grow regarding offering transfer credits. Several conversations have sprouted from the discussion with President Bendapudi and are making progress.  
Clayton also suggested we need to do more celebrating our accomplishments and tenure of Commission members.

### **Committee Meetings**

- Per our April meeting, all subcommittees are in a good place with end of year reports and submitting those to the Executive Committee. Bill is happy to meet with anyone who may have questions about end of year reports. Please have your subcommittee reports to Bill by the end of June. Bill would like to submit his final report to Commission sponsors by late July.

### **Announcements**

- Chuck is working with Strategic Communications on hosting a Lunch and Learn in July focused on adult learners. Clarabelle Lin from World Campus Marketing, as well as Bidy have aided. The Lunch and Learn will feature a panel of 3 or 4 adult learners who will speak about their experience. Erin is on the committee for the Lunch and Learn and will provide a report out at the beginning of next year on take aways.
- Melissa let the committee know that any students that are coming in new to our systems as of today, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Student Aid is working diligently to bring in from the federal government daily any new/updated/corrected FAFSAs. They are also creating Financial Aid packages daily, which is a process that is typically done on a weekly basis.
- Michele sent a link from CAEL for a [webinar on re-enrollment](#). She also let the committee know that there will be some testing on the Credit for Prior Learning app in late June. If all goes well, it should go live in LionPath for Fall.
- John and Esther's course ADTED 100 will be offered again at University Park. They are also busy finalizing the web versions for World Campus and the Digital Learning Cooperative. Please distribute the flyer on the course to whomever it may benefit or can promote the course.

### **Adjournment**