



# Penn State

## Commission for Adult Learners

### General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 12 2024, **Time:**  
10:30AM – Noon

CAL Members: JoAnn Kelly, Biddy Brooks, Brian Cameron, Shannon Corkery, Trisha Everhart, Debra Flaig, Bill Fritz, Adrienne Goldsberry, Chuck Greggs, Julie Heaton, Erin Hendrick, Ruth Ann Herstek, John Holst, Melissa Kunes, Leslie Laing, Sheri Matter, Eugene McFeely, Esther Prins, Robin Wright, Michele Rice, Nadia Richardson, Jungwoo Ryoo, Renee Thornton-Roop, Michael Vicaro, Gina Wahlen, Tracie White, Michelle Wiley

Attendees:

#### Opening Remarks

- Thank you for your participation this year. Appreciation expressed for our sponsors.
- If you know anyone who would like to serve on the Commission, let us know.

#### May Minutes Approval

- Motion: Clayton
- Second: John
- Approved.

#### Hendrick Update

- A little under two years to plan for the next conference; the Executive Committee is already discussing what that may look like.
- Will likely be a hybrid conference.

#### Sponsor Comments

- Clayton – Thank you for the hard work that you have done. Enjoy your summer. Identify one thing special that you intend to do and do it.

#### Adult Learner Dashboard – Nadia Richardson

- The dashboard has been updated with the 2023-24 Academic Year.
- ~15% of all Penn State undergraduate students were adult learners.
- Most adult learners are bachelor's degree-seeking.
- Overall, 48% of adult learners completed a program in 8 years, compared to 73.7% of traditional students.
- Adult learner populations have steadily decreased at the Commonwealth campuses and World Campus.
- Question on where students are transferring to. OPAIR might have that data – will need to report back.
- The Pandemic had a disproportionate effect on the decline in adult learners as opposed to traditional learners.
- Would be helpful to see the reasons why students are transferring.
- First-time, Part-time population has the largest stop-out group; nothing to compare to historically immediately available.

#### Committee Reports Reminder

- Reports are due to Bill by the end of June/beginning of July. This allows time to work on the annual report and share with the sponsors.
- If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Bill.

#### Announcements

- John: Course is now open for enrollment on World Campus and will be listed on the DLC. If there are any suggestions on how to share this information with advisors let John and Esther know.

- One round of email has gone to undergraduate advisors and the head of NSO for the residential class at UP.
- Bill suggested that another round of emails would be helpful and will share the World Campus version.

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## **Adjournment**