

**Adult Learning Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**  
**11:00am – 12:00 pm**

**Distance Learning Center – Kennesaw Campus**

**Attendees:** Elke Leeds, Laura McGrath, Darrin Theriault, Bob Mattox, Lindsay Lee, Harrison Long

**Virtual Attendees:** Keith Tudor, Greg Wiles, David Joffe, Joan Dominick, Greg Conrey, Sam Pierquet, Alice Pate

11:00am – **Welcome**

11:05am – Report from Concept Development Sub-Committee/Advising Team

- Laura McGrath, Sam Pierquet, Harrison Long, Joan Dominick
- Provide college-specific training, not just general training
- Package basic, need-to-know information from the digital badge master course
  - Produce a FAQ for PLA; easy to access information
  - Possibly host a Lunch and Learn for training
- Highlight success stories of students who have successfully earned credit through PLA
  - Veteran and military student successes

11:15am – Adult Learners and the Economy – Laura McGrath

- Attended a webinar based in Washington, D.C.
- National Adult Learner Coalition
  - Council of Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)
  - Online Learning Consortium (OLC)
  - Presidents' Forum
  - University Professional and Continuing Education Association (UPCEA)
- The U.S. Needs 10.9 million degrees by 2020
  - 85% of Americans enrolled in postsecondary institutions are considered non-traditional
  - Traditional students will only account for 3.7 million degrees
  - The gap can only be closed through non-traditional learners
- PLA is one of the most important building blocks for degree attainment for adult learners
  - Adult learners must have flexibility in their education; PLA assists with this need
- Handouts reviewed during meeting are available in the ALC folder in Dropbox

11:20am – Update on PLA tracking and Data – Laura McGrath

- Lindsay Lee has been instrumental in assisting with the new tracking requirements
- Laura and Darrin have been examining the scanned copies of the Advanced Standing Form
  - Pulling information to see what departments are doing
  - Getting insight into what is happening and some idea of how students approach departments with PLA requests

- What experiences they are sharing with the departments
- Met with Kim West and Rob Smith
  - Both are eager to help with data tracking
  - Will make it easily accessible on demand
- Will be meeting with ESS to create programs for future use in retrieving the data
- Will allow us the ability to learn more about who these students are
  - Make information more student centered

11:25am – Prior Learning Assessment Coordinator – Academic Year 17-18 – Elke Leeds

- Reconsidering the position
  - Laura is resigning from the position effective May 12
  - Professional and personal commitments have surfaced that take precedence
  - Do not want to lose momentum in the progress that has occurred
- Faculty fellow
  - Is the PLA Coordinator really an administrative role?
  - A faculty fellow could work with faculty and liaise with departments with conducting research
  - Departments like to work more directly with students rather than through a liaison
    - Departments already make all the decisions on project-based PLA like portfolios
  - Thought the administrative side of the coordinator position fits in well in with the Testing Center
    - There are natural connections between PLA and testing; many PLA options are tests the Testing Center provides
  - Few questions/concerns:
    - Harrison – We should find someone who is passionate about the role, no matter how it is categorized
    - Bob – Would the fellow be an annual appointment and can the fellow renew
      - Fellow would be a two year appointment to allow the fellow ample time to work
      - Could consider a summer release
    - Laura – Fellow would be an Adult Learning Faculty Fellow, not strictly PLA
      - Many options for high level research on Adult Learning
  - Call for vote: Vote Passed
    - Elke will circulate the position descriptions as well as Darrin's administrative responsibilities within the Testing Center
- Adult Learning Committee – Committee Chair
  - Bylaws are structured in a way that Elke is the de facto chair of the committee
  - Should be elect a chair from the current voting members?
- Suggested bylaw revision
  - Bylaw amendments reviewed by committee
    - Move to accept changes and seconded
  - Call for vote: Vote passed
  - Bylaws amended to allow for an elected chair

11:45am – RACAL meeting Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Elke Leeds

11:50am – College election's officers – ALC membership rotation/renewal

- Email will be sent out to request new/continued support for the 2017-2019 term for those representatives who are rotating out

11:50am - Adjourn