The "Roundtable" Roundup



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Membership Information:

The updated contact information for Roundtable Participants can be found at www.pasfaa.org/wpacsr.

Attendance:

here were 21 folks in attendance at the March 13, 2018, Roundtable meeting at Slippery Rock University. Nick Barcio, SRU; Janay Coleman, Pittsburgh Promise; Amy Davis, AIU3; Alyssa Dobson, SRU; Wendy Dunlap, PHEAA; Mike Hambrick, North Allegheny HS; Lorie Johnson-Osho, Grove City College; Shawn Jones, IUP; Justin Kleemook, SRU; Ginny Kopko, SRU; Mike May, SRU; Patti McCarthy, IUP; Kim McCurdy, PHEAA: Melony Ohalek, Sallie Mae: Grace Oxley, Homewood Children's Village; Karla Romero, SRU; Mike Rose, CCAC South; Lyndsey Rozzi, Pittsburgh Promise; Thomas Shiel, Pittsburgh Technical College; Debra Smallwood, Homeless Children's Education Fund; Michael White, SRU.

Speakers:

Lyndsey Rozzi, Outreach Program Manager at the Pittsburgh Promise, spoke about the changes of the program, so far, and how the grant will change for the Class of 2018. Her handouts are included here.

One of the notes of interest that I wrote down was how community organizations are responding to the new regulations that schools cannot share student specific information with them for scholarship purposes. Pittsburgh Promise has decided to allow the school to invoice the Promise for the funds to pay the students. Pittsburgh Promise will give them the eligibility information for each student and then the school invoices them and gets the funds, returning any refunds. This may be a solution for other similar scholarship organizations.



Pittsburgh Promise Handouts 3-13-18.pd

Our second speaker was Justin Kleemook, from the Office of Housing and Residence Life at Slippery Rock University. He spoke about housing and residence life, specifically at SRU, and how Living Learning Communities can help students transition, stay in school, and achieve in college. Here are the slides from his presentation.



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Old Business:

Committee Reports

Constitution and ByLaws: Version 3 of our draft of the constitution and bylaws is included. There was discussion to amend the verbiage under article IV, section 1, to include Professional Organization and Associate members so we do not exclude anyone from participating. Please review the document below and provide any additional suggestions by April 13 to me at kmccurdy@pheaa.org. The final version will be completed and distributed to the group prior to the May 15 Roundtable meeting where they will be voted upon.



WPACSR Executive Council.v3.docx

Executive Council: It was announced that Wendy Dunlap, from PHEAA, has volunteered to fill the vacant President-Elect position for the remainder of this year, and Wendy will become the President of the WPACSR at the Retreat this summer and begin her term at the September 11 Roundtable meeting. Please join me in thanking Wendy on her commitment to the group to ensure sustainability as we move forward.

<u>Transition:</u> The Student Transition Forum will be held on May 14, 2018, at the AIU3. Registration information will be available soon. Schools in Allegheny County (or those within driving distance) can bring students to participate in workshops centered on the transition to postsecondary school. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks. This is the event we will be spending our minigrant that we were awarded from the Basic Needs Collegiate Dialogue earlier this year.

CSF 2018: We had 185 attendees to make the 6th annual CSF the best attended to date. Thanks again to RMU for hosting the event and to all of those who volunteered to share their knowledge with the group. We received much positive feedback and several suggestions for next year's event, which we will begin planning in the upcoming months. Here is the summary of results if you are interested. Individual presenters received their feedback separately.



New Business:

PACAC Update:

Counselor Workshop April 20th @ Chatham University: See registration information here: https://pacac.memberclicks.net/index.php?option =com mc&view=mc&mcid=72&eventId=4211 12&orgId=pacac

PPALC: PACAC and PASFAA are cosponsoring an Advocacy Leadership Credential program. The 4th session will be held on April

18. You may register at www.pacac.org/alc-program.

College Access Forum: Registration is open for the May 21 Forum in Harrisburg. The theme is "All politics is local." Sessions from the program can count for your Advocacy Leadership Credential. See more information and registration here: http://www.pacac.org/college-access-forum

<u>Camp College West</u>: Registration is open for students to register for this 3-day college experience at Allegheny College, July 17-19. See more information and registration information here:

https://pacac.memberclicks.net/index.php?option
=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=8

<u>PACAC Conference</u>: Registration is open for the annual conference at Kalahari Resort on June 24-26. Information and Registration is available here: https://pacac.memberclicks.net/annual-conference

PASFAA Update:

Alyssa Dobson, PASFAA's Government Relations Chair, spoke about HB2124 which just passed out of committee requiring additional disclosures to loan borrowers. These responsibilities would fall on the college or university to inform all of the borrowers of their current debt and how close to aggregate borrowing they are. More to come on this.

She also discussed the specifics of the Negotiated Rulemaking process in DC and the PROSPER Act which was proposed by the US House regarding Higher Education Act Reauthorization. There was good discussion on issues related to these topics.

CS101 College Fair: Rachael Banks asked us to find out if there was interest in schools participating in the CS 101 College Fair that has been held in the past. There was agreement that schools are interested. Those of you who would like to participate, please email Rachael at rjb54@psu.edu.

Best Practices Shared: Mike Hambrick from North Allegheny HS shared that he has had some success getting families participating in workshops through a Counselor Coffee Series. He provides a topic and coffee prior to folks going to work in the morning, and he has seen active participation on various topics relevant to students and their parents. This could be useful to consider other ways of engaging participation from your families.

Roundtable Retreat: We will once again have the Retreat in July this year (tentatively set for July 24 pending location confirmation). If you have a topic or speaker that you would like to hear that would benefit our group, please let me know as soon as possible. Email me their name, contact information, and why you think they would be a good fit for our group as we look ahead to next year. kmccurdy@pheaa.org

Future Roundtable Meetings

- Tuesday, May 15, 2018; 10 a.m. noon; La Roche College
- Tuesday, July 24 Roundtable Retreat tentative date

Thanks so much to Michael White, Alyssa Dobson, and all of the Slippery Rock University members for hosting our group.

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support and efforts.



PHEAA State Grant and Counselor Workshop Dates:

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