



Committee on Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 21, 2024
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Public Session

1. Call to Order (S. Wagman)
2. Approval of January 18, 2024 Meeting *Minutes* (S. Wagman)
3. Commonwealth Campus Student Success Strategies (M. Melvin/M. DelliCarpini)
 - **Academic Affairs:** Defining the plan, and actions to be taken, to utilize financial aid and admissions strategies to ensure that all available seats in the Commonwealth Campus system are utilized to their maximum potential. What are our current Commonwealth Campus retention rates from the first year to the second year and what are the strategies to improve them?
 - **Student Life:** Review of the plan and current status, to address closing the gap in graduation rates for underrepresented student populations; and between University Park and the Commonwealth Campuses. What are the programs in place to proactively reach out to students “at risk” based on known data trends. What are our peer student strategies? How do we assess the risk for students to be housing and/or food insecure, and how does PSU proactively engage these students?
4. Growing the Research Enterprise (A. Read)
 - **Research:** Growing the research enterprise and focusing on the areas where Penn State is (or can be) a leader in higher education, including partnering with other leading universities. Can we further leverage our success with governmental research, agriculture, etc.? What investments are required? How do we build a pipeline of historically marginalized and underrepresented researchers/scholars (university-wide)? Availability of undergraduate research opportunities at UP and the Commonwealth Campuses. How do we leverage the 67 Penn State Extension offices and is there more that we can do?
5. Adjournment (S. Wagman)