



<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Lyn Gutierrez Irv Lubliner Bill Mansfield	Betsy Gentry Larry Hunter Elisabeth Zinser	Clark Custodio John Ferris Phyllis Fernlund

## Minutes

OLLI at SOU Council Meeting  
March 23, 2021, 3:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

Present: Council Members – Phyllis Fernlund, John Ferris, Betsy Gentry, Lyn Gutierrez, Larry Hunter, Irv Lubliner, Bill Mansfield, Elisabeth Zinser (Absent: Clark Custodio). Committee Chairs and Director/Assistant Director – Rob Casserly, Wayne Davison, Cliff Edwards, Peggy Evans, Andrea Gay, Sandy Hansen, Rachel Jones, Sue Sorem, Susan Stitham, Lorraine Vail. Guests – Gary Anderson, Tracy Palermini, Colleen Patrick-Riley, Allan Anderson, Pat Alexander, Dan Dawson, Earl Feldman, Taliah Mortensen

1. Call to order – President – Larry Hunter. 3:30 p.m.
2. Adoption of the agenda and introduction of Council candidates—Larry Hunter. **m/s/p**  
Lorraine Vail introduced the four candidates for Council this spring: Gary Anderson, Tracy Palermini, Colleen Patrick-Riley and Susan Stitham.
3. Approval of minutes – Meeting of February 23, 2021 – **m/s/p**
4. Treasurer’s report – No report this month since the needed data had not been received from the SOU Foundation.
5. Motions – **Moved** by John Ferris and seconded by Lyn Gutierrez that:

“(1) The OLLI at SOU Fall 2021 curriculum will contain a robust set of online courses and as many in person courses as the pandemic limitations (class maximums, cleaning and

entrance/exit protocols) will permit. Onsite technical support will be provided by staff or tech aides for in person classes.

(2) The instructor's choice of their delivery mode (in person or online) will not be changed once the final megafile for the catalog is submitted to staff for publication (mid-June).

(3) If pandemic circumstances improve after the megafile is submitted, restrictions for masking could be altered or limitations on seating expanded, allowing for larger classes. These changes and any new classroom seats made available will be advertised to OLLI members. The possibility of such changes will be clearly explained to instructors on the course proposal form and to members in the catalog.

(4) If pandemic circumstances worsen after the megafile is submitted, in person classes could be further limited or eliminated entirely. This possibility also will be explained to both instructors and to members."

A Fall Term Task Force (Larry Hunter, John Ferris, Susan Stitham, Ginny Blankinship, Rob Casserly and Rachel Jones) has been meeting to formulate plans for the fall term, and this motion is their recommendation. The task force surveyed instructors as to their interest in in person, online and hybrid classes. Rachel reported that SOU is planning for in person classes in the fall, subject to masking, distancing and cleaning requirements. OLLI will follow SOU requirements. The task force discussed hybrid classes (offered in person and online simultaneously) but needed input from the Venue and Technology Planning Committee. Cliff Edwards (chair of that committee) noted that hybrid classes were technically possible, and Susan Stitham reported that 36 instructors expressed interest in participating in a hybrid class pilot in the fall. **Moved** by Betsy Gentry (seconded by Elisabeth Zinser) to add the following sentence to paragraph (1) of the motion: "OLLI will administer a small pilot project for hybrid classes based at the Campbell Center with technical and instructional support." The amendment **passed** unanimously. The motion as amended then **passed** unanimously.

6. President's remarks – Larry Hunter thanked the task force and the Venue and Technology Planning committee for their hard work. In reviewing the committee reports to the Council, he realized how much work is going on to keep OLLI going strong. We are doing great things! The task force will do a quick survey of members and former members to gauge interest in different kinds of classes in the fall. He read thank yous from several members who are grateful for Zoom classes and hope they will continue. Thanks to Lyn Gutierrez for chairing the Annual Meeting for the last two years; this year's meeting will be virtual on June 4, and Betsy Gentry has agreed to chair it this year.

## 7. Discussion

Rob Casserly introduced Taliah Mortensen, who began work at OLLI almost exactly one year ago, just as the pandemic took hold. She was delighted to be able to match faces to names, and we were delighted to see her face.

John Ferris noted that Elisabeth Zinser has been working with Andrea Gay and Cathy Crocker (co chairs) of the Member Services Committee to align the committee's activities with the strategic plan goals and initiatives assigned to the committee. Elisabeth showed us a matrix she developed to guide the committee in each of three phases: pre-pandemic, this year of online programming, and once we're back in person. This framework may be a useful example for other committee liaisons.

Elisabeth Zinser has represented OLLI in discussions with the Ashland Family Y pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement we developed to explore potential collaboration. She shared photos of the Y's renovated Camp Deboer. The Y is getting closer to beginning some limited pilot programs there, and OLLI can begin to think about the kinds of programs and activities we might consider developing in conjunction with the Y.

## 8. Committee reports

Curriculum – Susan Stitham reported on the results of the instructor survey about classes next fall: 128 instructors responded; 76 were interested in teaching on line; 54 in teaching in person with COVID restrictions; 36 in a pilot of hybrid classes: 23 in teaching on line from a room in the Campbell Center; and 8 said they'd be willing to consider teaching one section of a class online and another section in person.

Communications and Community Outreach – The next *Ashland Tidings* article should appear Friday March 26.

Development – Wayne Davison reported the Annual Fund balance is \$18,370. The President's solicitation letter will go out in the spring term.

Landscape – Sandy Hansen hopes to get into the gardens soon for weeding and clean up.

Leadership Development and Recruitment – Lorraine Vail reported that they were able to refer possible candidates to 6 committees after Team OLLI.

Member Services – Andrea Gay thanked Elisabeth for her help with goals and initiatives. Send input on the spring member satisfaction survey to Bonnie Johnson.

Medford OLLI – Sue Sorem reported the committee will resume meeting again and hopes for some in person classes at the Higher Education Center for fall term. Katharine Sloan has retired from the committee, but Team OLLI referred some interested new people. She wondered if a different kind of hybrid class (in person in Ashland, on line or video at the HEC) would be possible.

Venue and Technology Planning – Cliff Edwards reported the committee met in Room E to test the possibilities for hybrid classes. They need more hands-on time with the equipment; Rachel will follow up on whether a very limited number of people could continue to work in

that room. Cliff and Lorraine Vail will meet with the fall term task force to work on organizing the pilot hybrid class project.

#### 9. Additional remarks

Rob Casserly noted the death of Ed Hungerford (age 99), retired SOU professor, who taught at SOLIR and then OLLI for many years. He reported that we now have 1340 members, from at least 89 different cities. Enthusiasm is high for spring term; on the first day of open enrollment the office processed 790 transactions, and many members seem to be signing up for 6 or 7 classes each. He was pleased to report that SOU received \$5.4 million in CARES Act funding, but there are signs of declining future enrollment. Employee furloughs will continue until September 6.

Rachel Jones indicated the furloughs have certainly helped SOU's bottom line but she hopes they will not continue into the fall. She is feeling optimistic as some youth programs start up again in the summer and plans are made for a more normal fall.

Coming events:

- March 29 – Spring term begins
- April 27, 3:30 p.m. – Council meeting
- May 25, 3:30 p.m. – Council meeting
- June 4 – Annual Meeting
- June 8, 10:30 a.m. – Council meetings

Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.