

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Pat Alexander Margaret Pashko Sue Sorem	Lyn Gutierrez Irv Lubliner Bill Mansfield	Betsy Gentry Larry Hunter Elisabeth Zinser

## Minutes

### OLLI at SOU Council Meeting

April 28, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference

Present: Council Members - Pat Alexander, Betsy Gentry, Lyn Gutierrez, Larry Hunter, Irv Lubliner, Bill Mansfield, Margaret Pashko, Sue Sorem, Elisabeth Zinser. Committee Chairs and Director/Assistant Director - Ginny Blankinship, Sara Brown, Rob Casserly, Cliff Edwards, Peggy Evans, Rachel Jones, Sally Peterson, Susan Stitham, Sandra Theis

1. Call to order – President - Pat Alexander: 2:20 p.m.
2. Adoption of the Agenda—Pat Alexander: **m/s/p**
3. Approval of Minutes – February 25 Meeting and March 26 and 28 Actions - Betsy Gentry, Secretary: **m/s/p**
4. Director of Outreach & Engagement – Rachel Jones thanked OLLI staff and volunteers for their wonderful response to the COVID-19 pandemic. SOU is working with other state universities to develop reopening plans. They are hoping that small group gatherings may be allowed by mid-summer, but don't expect larger (more than 50) gatherings will be permitted for a while longer, even with masks and social distancing. SOU is hoping to reopen for fall term but it will look different. The Provost is strongly recommending that OLLI's planning for next fall include remote learning. Rachel also noted that all of this is having a profound financial impact on the University.
5. Treasurer's Report – Irv Lubliner went through his comments on the written report. As of a week ago only 36 members (less than 2% of all members) had requested refunds of their membership fees. To date, refunds of \$2800 have been given, and \$10,150 has come into the Annual Fund. He noted that a reference in comments 7-11 should be to comment 6, not comment 5. A corrected report is attached. The current operating fund balance is \$262,453. The Osher endowment balance has dropped considerably because of stock

market losses, which will affect the distribution in 2021-22 unless there's a sizeable market recovery. Irv also suggested thanking annual fund donors generally in a News Flash, and calling donors to thank them.

## 6. Motions

- Larry Hunter moved (seconded by Sue Sorem) that all courses for the Fall 2020 term be delivered online. The goal of OLLI at SOU will be to provide in person courses, in addition to online courses, for Winter 2021. In addition to the rationale attached to the motion, making this decision now will reduce uncertainty and anxiety for members and instructors, will enable the Curriculum Committee to put their efforts into planning for and supporting online classes, and might raise the possibilities of sharing online classes with other OLLIs and inviting nonresidents to join us. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- Larry Hunter moved (seconded by Betsy Gentry) to adopt the OLLI 2025 Strategic Plan. He thanked the task force for the great job they did this year, particularly Sally Peterson for communications and Lorraine Vail for being the scribe. The proposed plan was made available in March to the Council and the entire membership for comments. Bill Mansfield (by telephone) noted that he and George Rice would like to come back to the Council to discuss aspects of goal 12. The motion **passed** (with one abstention).
- Sue Sorem moved (seconded by Irv Lubliner) to approve the Medford Campus Committee Charge 2020-21 and the Committee Chair Position Description. The motion **passed** unanimously.

## 7. President's Report – Pat Alexander

Nothing to add to report in the agenda.

## 8. Discussion Topics

None.

## 9. Standing Committee Reports

- Communications and Community Outreach – Peg Evans. The Council had no objections to the proposal to cancel the summer Open House. If the Chamber of Commerce puts together some summer events OLLI might be able to participate. The committee is thinking of making a video tour of the renovated Campbell Center to send to members as a virtual thank you. They could plan some small group gatherings in the fall at the Campbell Center if that is permitted.
- Curriculum – Susan Stitham. The February 29 NTO training was a success. The committee has been meeting by Zoom and is trying to learn all they can from this spring's online offerings so that they can support fall online classes. They are looking for expertise from

both members and instructors to help the committee with technology issues. Ginny Blankinship will succeed Sara Brown as co-chair for the course proposal process starting next year. Thanks to both!!

- Future Space Needs – Lorraine Vail/Cliff Edwards. They are thrilled that there will be no need to use general fund monies to complete the renovation project. The SOU IT department has been able to come back to the technology work at the Campbell Center and hopes to have it completed in 2-3 weeks.
- Leadership Recruitment and Development - Sandy Theis. There is a slate of five candidates for Council: Wayne Davison, Jerry Rubin, Phyllis Fernlund, Clark Custodio and John Ferris. Thanks to all of them for stepping up! There can be no candidate forum, so they will submit written answers to the questions that were asked last year, and those will be sent out to members in May.

#### 10. Additional Remarks

- Rob Casserly noted that for this unusual spring quarter there have been 870 sign ups for 29 online classes. Two classes have almost 150 people, and 5 have more than 50 people. Three people actually joined this spring because of online classes, and one person sent Rob a note saying this was the best OLLI quarter ever since he/she couldn't do in person classes.
- Irv Lubliner noted that he will contact committee chairs soon in order to develop a budget for next year. He also thanked the office staff for their quick responses and help while they are working from home.
- Susan Stitham asked that a plan be developed for notifying members and instructors about the decision to do online classes in the fall. Susan, Sara, Pat, Larry, Rob, Rachel and Peg will meet to draft a letter to members.

#### 11. Upcoming Events

- May 1            Fall course proposal period opens
- May 5            Candidate forum Q & A sent to membership
- May 13          Ballots sent to membership
- May 26          Council meeting (likely via Zoom)
- June 3            Ballot return deadline
- June 5            Election results announced

Adjournment: 4:15 p.m.