



<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
May 26, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference

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

1. Call to order – President - Pat Alexander: 2:05 p.m.
2. Adoption of the Agenda—Pat Alexander: **m/s/p**
3. Approval of Minutes –April 28 Meeting - Betsy Gentry, Secretary: **m/s/p**
4. Treasurer’s Report – Irv Lubliner went through his comments on the written report. 42 members have requested refunds of their membership fees so membership now stands at 2049; net membership fees are as stated in the report, about \$14,000+ short of the budgeted amount. Contributions to the annual fund to date are \$35,033, about \$3300 short of the budgeted goal. Expenses are down somewhat because of SOU furloughs and cancelled membership events and expenses. Irv noted we expect to end the year with a positive balance of \$24,000 to \$26,000 and to meet the desired operating fund balance of 35% of full-year expenses.
5. Motions - None
6. President’s Report – Pat Alexander

The task force working on issues related to the fall term has been working well and is tackling technology issues for instructors and members.

7. Discussion Topics

The Member Services committee will conduct the annual member satisfaction survey in late June after the spring quarter ends.

8. Standing Committee Reports

- Communications and Community Outreach – Peg Evans. A task force is working on member retention and marketing/advertising in the world of the pandemic. They are particularly concerned about how to continue the “Connections” part of OLLI’s theme. Thanks to Lorraine for thinking of the “OLLI at Home” brand; another possibility is “OLLI to You”. They are looking into cooperation/coordination with other OLLIs.
- Curriculum – Susan Stitham. The committee is actively recruiting instructors for fall term and working on ways to support instructors as they deliver at-home classes. A best practices manual is being written (thank you Ian Templeton). The committee is considering telling instructors who wish to record their classes to inform their students and let them know that they can turn off their video feed. Sara Brown reported 625 members are taking classes this term; they are surveying those students about their experiences. Thanks to Dan Dawson who is compiling results of that survey. Ginny Blankinship reported there have been 61 course proposals submitted for the fall quarter so far and she expects more this week.
- Future Space Needs – Lorraine Vail. The SOU IT staff is just about finishing up. As reported by the Treasurer, they expect to end the year with about \$6500 on hand.
- Leadership Recruitment and Development - Sandy Theis. The Council election is proceeding. The new Council members will be announced June 5.
- Member Services – Andrea Gay. The committee is considering how to use hosts for at-home OLLI classes.
- MOLLI – Sue Sorem. The committee is planning on offering 2 or 3 Conversation Connections in the fall and is thinking about winter quarter planning.

9. Additional Remarks

- Rachel Jones is serving on the SOU reopening work group. They are planning for the fall along several tracks at the same time, for both on-campus and remote learning. The goal is to have the campus open for the fall term, but there are a lot of hurdles to overcome. The financial situation for the University is “challenging”; there may be a \$10 million budget shortfall, without factoring in the possibility of reduced enrollment in the fall. The University is focusing on this summer and fall; Council members noted that we need to start working on winter courses in August and will have to make scheduling decisions as early as July.
- Council members reiterated that the “Connections” part of our theme is crucial to OLLI. Suggestions for maintaining connections included allowing extra time in Zoom classes for check ins and conversations, and having “no-topic” Conversation Connections where small groups could just get together online.

- Elisabeth Zinser suggested we could use this situation to reach out to different populations as potential students; it may be an opportunity to do outreach to communities we haven't reached before.
- Council members had suggestions for ways to promote at-home classes this fall: produce a video of instructors talking about their classes (as they would have done at the Open House); have links to instructor videos in the on-line course catalog.
- Larry Hunter noted that there are all kinds of creative ideas coming up. We're going to have a great fall term!

10. Upcoming Events

- June 3 Ballot return deadline
- June 5 Election results announced
- June 5 Annual Meeting (via email with embedded video)
- June 5 Spring term ends
- June 9 1:00 p.m. Council meeting; new Council seated

Adjournment: 3:20 p.m.