



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

### Minutes

OLLI at SOU Council Meeting  
August 25, 2020, 3:30 p.m.  
Via Teleconference

Present: Council Members – Clark Custodio, Phyllis Fernlund, John Ferris, Betsy Gentry, Lynn Gutierrez, Larry Hunter, Irv Lubliner, Bill Mansfield, Elisabeth Zinser. Committee Chairs and Director/Assistant Director – Ginny Blankinship, Rob Casserly, Wayne Davison, Cliff Edwards, Peggy Evans, Sandy Hansen, Susan Stitham, Lorraine Vail

1. Call to order – President – Larry Hunter. 3:30 p.m.
2. Adoption of the agenda—Larry Hunter. **m/s/p** (with changes to correct the spelling of Wayne Davison’s name and update the deadline for winter course proposals to September 27)
3. Approval of minutes – Meetings of June 9, July 16, July 21 – **m/s/p**
4. Treasurer’s report – Irv Lubliner. He hopes July and August monthly reports will be available by the September meeting. The annual report for 2019-2020 was submitted. Highlights: total income for the year was at an all-time high (\$448,000); annual fund donations were also at an all-time high and exceeded budget by 8.4%; 12 expense categories were under budget and 4 were over budget by more than 4%. In spite of a very challenging year, the closing cash balance is 39.2% of budgeted expenses for the coming year. In response to a question about parking expense, Rob Casserly indicated parking for the Campbell Center had already been paid for spring quarter and is not refundable; parking placards purchased for Medford will be useable once classes resume there.
5. President’s remarks – Larry Hunter. First and foremost, THANK YOU, to all the staff who have kept OLLI going while working remotely with 20% furloughs. Rachel Jones will be taking a leave of absence for the fall quarter; Rob (and the rest of the staff) will pick up as much of her OLLI work as they can. And THANKS to Rob, Ginny, Susan and Peggy who have

worked out a schedule to extend the period for winter course proposals to September 27. They are making the unusual happen in these unusual times.

6. Motions - none

7. Discussion

Membership status and actions: Rob reported that as of today we have 953 members (30 joined in the last 2 days), or 56% of the number we had last year at the same time. Other OLLI's have reported 30-80% membership loss. Larry reminded us that the budget membership for the year is 1800, but that's for the whole year, not this early. Peggy Evans reported a small task force on the CCO committee has developed a script for phone calls to nonrenewing members, first to find out how they are doing and offer resources, and second to ask if they are going to renew. Council and committee members will be asked to make phone calls – please respond enthusiastically. Larry reminded us that the budget can handle low membership.

Winter course proposals and actions: Thanks again to the Curriculum and Communications and Community Outreach committees for working out a new course proposal schedule. The hope is that both students and instructors will have had positive experiences with remote classes by the end of September so they will be more comfortable proposing classes for winter. Both committees have been working really hard, and we are grateful! Special thanks to Lorraine Vail and Karen Grove for the Zoom training classes offered earlier this month. And to Nancy Rhoads who has been organizing Zoom mentors.

8. Committee reports

CCO – Peggy Evans noted they have sent an email to the SOU Retirees Association, inviting members to join OLLI. There are ads running on JPR and they are working with SOPTV as well.

Funds Policy and Management – Wayne Davison reported that as of August 12, the Annual Fund had raised \$10,870. A very strong start, especially with the lower membership numbers.

9. Additional remarks

Rob reported the national OLLI conference will be held remotely in October. SOU is mostly in the same holding pattern – most classes will be held remotely, athletics are on hold, there is no update on furloughs. The enrollment lottery went well and everyone got at least one class. Members are thrilled with some of the unlimited enrollment classes. Staff morale is OK right now, but fragile. It's not easy working remotely with furloughs. Elisabeth Zinser suggested we think of a way to tangibly thank the staff (fruit baskets?) and possibly the instructors. Send any ideas to Larry.

Susan Stitham – the Curriculum Committee wants to encourage people to take the leap into this new world, as both learners and instructors. We need to remember that we all are doing the best we can, and we need to be gentle with each other.

Coming events:

- September 14 – Fall term begins
- September 22, 3:30 p.m. – OLLI Council meeting and leadership orientation (the September 11 session is cancelled)
- September 27 – Winter course proposal period ends
- October 27, 3:30 p.m. – OLLI Council meeting
- November 9 – Winter catalog online and registration begins
- November 24, 3:30 p.m. – OLLI Council meeting
- No December Council meeting

Adjourned at 4:35