

## **Advisory Council Minutes**

Monday, March 14, 2022

online Zoom meeting

**Present:** Barbara Schliesser, David Dyke, Polly Feis, Nancy Comer, Charlyne Berens, Suzie Harder, De Tonack, Kay Rockwell, Helen Meeks, Carol Myers, Maxine Moul, Bob Bleicher, Bob Michl, Nancy Mitchell, Patricia Saldana, Greg Jensen, Jim McLoughlin, Joe Seewald, Dori Bush, Mary Ann Losh, Jim VanKirk

In the absence of Chair John LaDuke, Vice Chair Suzie Harder called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim VanKirk said after two-thirds of the FY21-22, OLLI is reporting 76% of the total income estimated has already been received. He added that the fourth term of OLLI is usually a good revenue source. Many of the members take more courses. The expenses were only 60% of what was projected. The \$179,000 current carry over will be reduced in Term 5, and expenses will stay about the same. Charlyne Berens commented on how encouraging this is considering the pandemic and all the things that happened. Bob Michl said some OLLI's still haven't resumed courses. OLLI's financial situation this March is \$100,000 ahead of where we were a year ago.

**Director's Report:** Bob Michl reported that he and Jim Van Kirk and Jonathan Carlson, financial staff from the College of Education and Human Sciences, have talked about a preliminary budget for next year. The Council will discuss that preliminary budget at its May meeting and will approve a final budget for 2022-23 in May. -As of March 14, there were 1,800 registrations for Term 4. Bob thanked everyone for helping make this happen.

Bob said he has written over 150 thank you notes to those who have donated to OLLI through the annual ask and UNL's Glow Big Red event.-Between the two OLLI has taken in over \$17,000 in donations this fiscal year.

**New Business:** Bob said there has been a lot of activity around the possible development of an area in Omaha where OLLI at UNL could potentially offer courses. The Chancellor's office has given Bob approval to work with the developers to try to come up with an acceptable agreement. Bob said the UNL Alumni Association is also interested in discussing potential collaboration on the Omaha site. Bob has been invited to the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting on March 21 to share the vision. He has also talked to the Osher NRC director and will visit with other directors of OLLI at the Denver convention in April.

Helen Meeks asked what we would gain from doing this. Bob said the goal is to offer courses in the Omaha area. He said he sees a tremendous opportunity for membership and enrollment in Omaha.

Nancy Mitchell asked if we could get corporate support for this expansion. Jim Van Kirk said the draft of next year's budget doesn't include the Omaha project. OLLI and the Alumni Association will continue to invite UN-Omaha to the table. Joe Seewald asked how many members OLLI currently has in the Omaha area; Bob said it is about 50. He added that he will continue to look at the many questions and possibilities regarding expanding into Omaha and will keep the Council advised.

Jim McLouglin reported from the membership committee.

**Comments from the Chair:** None

**Old Business:** John LaDuke and Jim VanKirk are to meet with CEHS Dean Sherri Jones to review Bob Michl's performance report.

The Council retreat will be held sometime in the first two weeks in June. Bob Michl will send out a Doodle survey to find the best date.

There is a Showcase Committee meeting on Wednesday to continue planning for the August event. Catering will be done by the UNL Food Service, and Bob said the committee is hoping to serve ice cream from the UNL Dairy Store.

**New Business:** Joe Seewald said that he had a friend at Legacy Estates who has been promoting OLLI to other residents. Kay Rockwell, who lives at the Preserve, said the Preserve also has special OLLI programs residents can take. Bob Michl said those were the two pilot senior living communities with which he worked this year; he plans to expand the program to include additional retirement homes in the coming year.

**Committee Reports**

Curriculum: Many classes are being offered multi-format with some enrollees on site and others participating via Zoom. Offering courses on Zoom has been a positive outcome of the pandemic. Polly Feis said that allowed her to take more classes while traveling. In addition to offering multi-format courses in Room 137 and at South Gate UMC, OLLI will begin to use a classroom newly equipped with Zoom capabilities at SCC's Continuing Education Center starting in Term 4.

Diversity: Nancy Comer provided a detailed report that will be used for the upcoming Advisory Council retreat in June. Patricia Saldana, office staff, who is also a member of the Diversity Committee, asked some of the committee to participate in interviews with the UNL Student Marketing class's Capstone Project. Like the Marketing Committee, we are awaiting the findings of the Capstone Project.

Events: Dori Bush reported on all the events coming up in Terms 4 and 5.

Marketing: Nancy Mitchell reported on the ongoing project with the advertising class at the UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications, which is working to develop an advertising campaign for OLLI. The final campaigns presentations will be given on Monday, May 2, from 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Council members may attend in person or via Zoom. Helen Meeks said it would be helpful if we could have a recap of the project and what is expected from the presenters.

Membership: Kay Rockwell said the committee is working on an all-member survey. She also reported she will be stepping down from the chair's position at the start of the next fiscal year.

Travel: Carol Myers thanked the Curriculum Committee for developing courses related to travel. She said the committee hopes to get people traveling again. Bob Michl reported that the final documents just went out to agencies wanting to bid on the travel contract with OLLI. Interested agencies have until April 5 to return the documents.

Charlyne Berens remarked that members of OLLI have requested more day trips through course evaluations.

Bob Michl reminded everyone that every standing committee is asked to submit a yearly report by the April meeting. The annual report includes what has been accomplished since the last retreat.

The Resource Development Committee will report at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Monday, April 11, at 9 a.m. via Zoom.