

**OLLI at UNL Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday, December 8, 2025, 9-10:30 a.m.
via Zoom**

Present: Gary Timm, Helen Meeks, Mary Ann Losh, Jeanette Wellsandt, Jim McLoughlin, Suzanne Schied, Greg Jensen, Bob Michl, Jim VanKirk, Gene Stohs, Carol Myers, Patricia Crews, Zakiyyah Mustafa, Patricia Saldana

Absent: Charlyne Berens, Audrey Paulman, David Dyke, Nancy Mitchell, Teri Hlava

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. CST by Chair Jim VanKirk.

Agenda Changes – Noted by Director Bob Michl that a late ad to the agenda includes a review of the Membership Survey submitted for discussion by Jim McLoughlin

Approval of November 2025 Meeting minutes – The minutes were reviewed. Motion by Mary Ann Losh and second by Helen Meeks to approve the minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Report – Helen Meeks reported OLLI’s NU Foundation funds have increased in market value by \$50,000 over last month. The organization is “ahead of schedule” in terms of revenue received at this point of the fiscal year.

Director’s report – Bob Michl said that the “Annual Ask” letters should go out this week from the NU Foundation. The “review date” for the new director’s position was December 4. The process will now involve reviewing and interviewing candidates. The staff will be working from home on Monday and Tuesday, December 22 & 23.

Chair comments – Jim Van Kirk discussed the positive of the in-person November meeting, including the conversation with the new Dean of CEHS. The next in-person meeting will be in March. He strongly supports the work of the Resource Development team’s plan to “ask” support for the Pillar Society Foundation Fund, to support the long-term sustainability of OLLI at UNL.

New Business – Jeanette Wellsandt discussed the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar and calendar dates, including the Omaha and Lincoln recruiting events.

Old Business

Three Year Plan – The council reviewed, discussed and updated the goals of membership expansion and membership retention.

Committee Reports

Carol Myers provided a brief update of the Travel committee's work. Bob Michl reported on his work with STAR Destination to renew contracts for the next three years. Bob Michl also gave a brief report of the workings of the Voices and Perspectives standing committee.

Next meeting: Monday, January 12, 2026, at 9:00 am, via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.