

OLLI at UNL Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2026, 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, Charlyne Berens, Nancy Mitchell, Teri Hlava

Absent: Audrey Paulman, David Dyke

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

Agenda Changes – None

Approval of December 2025 Meeting minutes – The minutes were reviewed. Motion by Carol Myers and second by Gary Timms to approve the minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Report – Helen Meeks that OLLI has over 8 months of “carryover funds.” If OLLI has “needs,” we should consider spending funds for those needs. Bob Michl reported spending some funds for Calendar functions on Campus CE and a goal of improving the sound (microphones) in GNHS 137. Helen reported \$18,000 has been given to date to the Development Fund and another \$45,000 to the Pillar Foundation fund.

Director’s report – Bob Michl reported the advertised Director’s position has been pared down to three finalists. Each will be interviewed next week. Possible start dates will be determined based on who the final candidate is and what responsibilities they have to complete their existing positions.

Chair comments – Jim Van Kirk reminded the council that the March meeting would be an in-person meeting at a site to be determined. Jim is unable to be part of the interview process for the new director, so Nancy Mitchell will replace him on the interview committee.

New Business – As past chair, Helen Meeks is responsible for putting together a nominating committee to find candidates to run for open positions on the Advisory Council and to identify candidates for officer positions. Policies and procedures were reviewed regarding this process. A timeline of the election process was also reviewed.

Old Business

Membership Survey Update – Jim McLaughlin reported on the process and timeline for conducting the membership survey. The survey will be distributed via the office’s Qualtrics program to allow for immediate feedback.

Three Year Plan – The council reviewed, discussed and updated the goals of financial stability, operational stability, curriculum variety, and facility stability. The final Three-Year Plan will be available and presented for ratification at the February Advisory Council meeting.

Committee Reports

None

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.