

OLLI at UNL Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2025 9 a.m.

Via Zoom

Welcome and Call to Order – Chair Jim Van Kirk called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Present: Helen Meeks, Jim McLoughlin, Paul Van De Water, Zakiyyah Mustafa, Nancy Mitchell, Suzanne Schied, Charlyne Berens, Teri Hlava, Bob Michl, Mary Ann Losh, Helen Meeks, Jim VanKirk, David Dyke, Jeanette Wellsandt, Greg Jensen **Absent:** Gene Stohs, Carol Myers

Additions to the Agenda – Next year's budget and budget report and discussion regarding language recommendations and diversity committee added by Jim VanKirk.

Approval of the March, 2025 meeting minutes

Approved as presented.

Budget Reports – Paul Van De Water

Foundation Report presented represents funds through the end of February, 2025. through February. Stock market does not really impact this report. Spendable funds are being utilized. We have had roughly \$34,000 in donations to the foundation.

Budget Report- Financials through end of February, 2025. We are at 84% of budgeted revenue. Term 4 financials have been excellent. We have excess revenue over expenses of about \$34,000. OLLI is ahead of budget. We have over 7 months worth of expenses in cash.

Budget Committee Report

Bob and Paul Van De Water gave a presentation of budget for 2025-26. The process of developing a budget was discussed. Past budgets were presented. OLLI establishes their own budgets. The first draft of the budget is based upon previous year's budgets, with a committee consisting of the council chair, treasurer, and resource development co-chairs. The first draft of the budget shows us in good condition. Corporate sponsorship was discussed, with potential corporations listed to help balance the budget. Session tracking was reviewed. Last four terms have been record numbers of attendees. Forty-seven percent of all enrollees this year are zoom attendees. Trends in attendance were discussed.

The president, treasurer, resource development co-chairs, and the executive director of OLLI meet monthly before the council meetings to review the most current budget reports.

Director's Report – Bob Michl

Bob has an opportunity to speak to the Nebraska State Education Association Retirees organization later this month. The WIN grant was submitted last week and focuses on statewide expansion. OLLI was turned down for the Ethel Abbott grant. The Sherwood Grant is still pending. The new CEHS Dean is Dr. Jeff Reese. He begins July 1 and replaces Nick Pace who is taking a similar position at the University of Kentucky. Bob expressed appreciation for all the assistance he received in putting grants together. Bob reported about collaborations with the UNL Emeriti, the UNO Alumni Association, and the UNMC Retirees.

Old Business

Advisory council election updates: Helen Meeks provided an update on the council election. People have been recruited from existing OLLI involvement—ambassadors, facilitators, teachers. The slate has been submitted, bios have been submitted, and 5 candidates are being voted on. For officer positions, the current officers will continue to serve. Jim VanKirk called for nomination from the floor. Paul Van De Water nominated Helen Meeks to serve as treasurer for the upcoming year. Seconded by Audrey

Paulman. Helen accepted the nomination.

Follow-up comments from March brainstorming meeting Bob Michl. The comments from the groups were shared with the Advisory Committee and will be discussed in more detail at the June Advisory Council retreat. Discussions about expansion, course lengths, pop-ups, marketing, and partnerships were brought up and will be discussed at the summer retreat.

New Business

Advisory Council Retreat is Monday, June 9, 2025.

Update to Policies and Procedures and Roles and Responsibilities. Bob Michl has had conversation with the dean. There are concerns about the descriptions in the OLLI Roles and Responsibilities. Changes will be made to the website, the committee descriptions, etc. OLLI will follow all recommendations from the Dean. Some discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.