

Advisory Council Minutes

Monday, Feb. 13, 2023

online Zoom meeting

Present: Barbara Schliesser, Helen Meeks, Jim Van Kirk, John La Duke, Carol Myers, Nancy Comer, Charlyne Berens, De Tonack, Bob Michl, Nancy Mitchell, David Dyke, Mary Ann Losh, Paul Van De Water, Maxine Moul, Jim McLoughlin, Greg Jensen, Polly Feis, Roger Lempke, Jeanette Wellsandt

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Helen Meeks, at 9 a.m.

The minutes were approved as read.

Helen Meeks welcomed CEHS Dean Sherri Jones. Dean Jones addressed numerous questions that had been submitted by council members in advance. She talked about her vision of OLLI over the next three to five years. She encouraged OLLI to continue to work to serve the entire state, to work with students and staff and UNL and to continue to attempt to partner with UNO, UNK and UNMC while keeping our own brand. Dean Jones encouraged opportunities for Bob Michl to meet with the Chancellor and others in decision-making positions.

Charlyne Berens thanked the dean for the use of Room 137 and the larger OLLI office.

Helen Meeks reported that the work being done on the three-year plan could be addressed during the June retreat.

Bob introduced Elise Fitzpatrick, the gerontology practicum student working with OLLI this semester. Elise is a nursing student at UNL.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Van De Water announced that we are through 58% of the fiscal year and have collected 71% of the total anticipated revenue and spent 63% of anticipated expenses. This represents amounts from Terms 1 and 2 only.

Bob Michl said the financial situation right now looks promising with Term 3 revenue anticipated at around \$44,000. Carol Myers thanked the OLLI office and the committees for all their hard work. Helen expressed appreciation to everyone for meeting the needs of OLLI.

Director's Report: Bob Michl said budget planning for 2023 OLLI will begin soon. He anticipates that by end of year, OLLI will have a full "six-month carryover" available. He also reported that Term 3 enrollment was a record breaker. He gave a shout out to the volunteers and Jeanette Wellsandt for all their hard work.

Chair's Report: Helen reported that a group from OLLI have been looking at travel standards. She said that she appreciated all the people who wanted to be engaged in this process. The group looked at the consistency of who should be involved in planning travel and events. There

was a draft proposal about how trips and events are organized and who is responsible that could help avoid any confusion about this process. One specific area was tour management and how it would be decided in the future. Charlyne asked that a copy of the plan be sent to the Advisory Council.

Old Business: De Tonack announced that the membership survey with 23 questions had been sent to UNL's NEAR Center to refine the survey format, and the final version is ready to be distributed. De thanked everyone for their hard work. The survey will be sent out in April of 2023.

New Business: Bob Michl has sent the executive committee a report on the three-year plan with information on retention and expansion. Goals and objectives will need to be developed for the plan. He suggested meeting with the executive committee and then convening the full Advisory Council at the retreat in June to look at changes and strategies.

John La Duke said that the nominating committee had met and had begun collecting names for election to the Advisory Council. In addition, a call for nominees will be sent out via OLLI Connects. After some discussion about the procedure for recruiting candidates, the consensus was that the council should clarify its practices in the Policies and Procedures document.

The marketing committee offered insights into the Omaha focus group reports about the best way to expand our reach into the Omaha area. One suggestion was to begin conducting some courses in Omaha.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 13, at 9 a.m. via Zoom.