

## **Advisory Council Minutes**

Monday, March 10, 2023

online Zoom meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Helen Meeks at 9:01 a.m.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Van De Water reported that as of the end of February, OLLI has had a total income of \$329,000 for the fiscal year, which is far ahead of the expected revenue projected at this time. Bob Michl reported that Drs. Bob and Stacy Bleicher had donated \$5,000 towards technology improvements in GNHS 137. Greg Jensen has another donor who is also interested in donating towards those improvements.

**Directors Report:** Bob Michl said he is working on the 2023-24 fiscal year budget. Bob met with Jim Van Kirk and Paul Van De Water about the new budget and will bring a draft to the advisory council for the April meeting. Helen asked if there would be any rate increases. Bob said the projected budget doesn't factor in any rate increases as he doesn't foresee a need.

Bob's plan is to keep the budget flat next year with projected revenue and spending approximately \$407,000 each. He is working with Jonathan Carlson, from UNL's accounting department, on any changes coming from the university. As OLLI at UNL is generating a positive revenue stream, this is currently over 6.5 months of "carryover funds" available. To prevent surplus funds from being used by the university, Bob plans to "spend down" any excess dollars for items that may be purchased in advance of the next fiscal year.

Mary Ann Losh agreed that we work with caution on funding. Helen asked if members of the council had ideas about promotional activities and that they should send those ideas to Bob. Bob and the staff are discussing "promotional discounts" to incentivize new and returning members to join. He gave thanks to our members for the Glow Big Red contributions.

Bob also reported OLLI at UNL is the 15th largest OLLI in the nation (by membership).

**Chairs Report:** Helen reported advisory council members need to provide input on Bob's performance evaluation. Each person should submit thoughts on Bob's 1) knowledge base; 2) activity initiation; 3) follow through on issues; 4) responsiveness to us and others; and 5) representation to the community on OLLI to Helen as soon as possible. Helen will send a memo out and will expect to receive input from each council member.

**Old Business:** Helen said the council needs to finalize a specific date for the retreat in June. The council settled on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The agenda will be centered on the three-year plan and on revisions concerning roles and responsibilities, and policies and procedures of the council.

**New Business:** Nancy Comer announced she and Dick Vautravers, co-chairs of the Diversity Committee, will both step down as chairs effective at the end of this academic year. Both have agreed to continue to serve on the committee. Helen asked council members to submit suggestions for the chairs of Diversity and Events committees to Bob.

Charlyne reported the curriculum committee has been updating documents for facilitators to support new courses.

Jim McLoughlin reported the membership committee will be promoting a wine tour soon. He also said 28 people have signed up for the Ambassador program.

Carol Meyers said that the travel committee completed and adopted policies, and these can be found on SharePoint.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting will be April 10, by zoom at 9:00 a.m.