

Advisory Council Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022

online Zoom meeting

Present: Barbara Schliesser, Polly Feis, Nancy Comer, Charlyne Berens, De Tonack, Helen Meeks, Bob Bleicher, Bob Michl, Nancy Mitchell, David Dyke, Mary Ann Losh, Roger Lempke, Paul Van De Water, Maxine Moul, Jim McLoughlin, Sherri Jones, Jim VanKirk

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Helen Meeks at 9:00 a.m.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

The chair, Helen Meeks introduced Dean Sherri Jones who talked to the council about some changes that have occurred since her last visit. The new OLLI office that once was occupied by the Dean has allowed for more space for staff to work. Helen Meeks said that the classroom space and parking are much appreciated.

There is a meeting coming up about the 21st and Vine Street redevelopment, and Bob Michl will be part of it.

The Dean indicated that the University is discussing whether cash funded entities will be allowed to have surplus funds carried forwarded. Any such disallowance would impact OLLI since we are seeking to have at least a six-month reserve in funding. This approach would allow for operational expenditures to be covered in the event of unforeseeable circumstances. OLLI stands ready to assist Dean Jones in advocating for maintaining a cash reserve.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Van Kirk reported about the fiscal year end and fiscal year to date. The end of year budget report showed just under \$98,000 in membership fees and just over \$172,000 in course fees collected. An additional \$17,000 in revenue was deferred to FY 22-23 as it was accidentally omitted from the budget previously. Actual Foundation revenue generated for the fiscal year was \$127,000+.

In all, OLLI ended the FY 21-22 with a carry-over amount of \$163,000 which could cover up to five months of operating expenses. Much of this growth was due to increased course enrollments and a reduction in rental fees for classrooms.

Bob commented that he has again projected a revenue neutral budget for FY 22-23. Some planned expenses include recognizing volunteers and promoting more across the state. has

Directors Report: Bob reported three senior living facilities have signed on to receive OLLI Zoom courses. OLLI is planning to conduct focus group meetings in Omaha this fall to learn about the possibilities of OLLI bringing a presence to the metro area.

Membership is slightly below where it was a year ago at this time. Attention needs to be paid to better retaining past members as well as seeking out new members. Letters will be sent out in late September to those who have not yet renewed. The letter will encourage members to rejoin OLLI.

The COVID travel policy reverts to the pre pandemic process.

Chair's Report: Helen Meeks reported that she was pleased with the membership and new members coming into OLLI. She complimented the staff on all the work they do.

Old Business: Bob Michl took all the comments to revise Policies and Procedures and sent them out to standing committees. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new and revised Policies and Procedures. The motion was approved. The committees will go through any changes to the Roles and Responsibilities and send suggested changes to Bob Michl.

The Action Plan needs to be updated to reflect current goals and objectives. De Tonack will lead an ad hoc group to look at the plan and make suggestions.

New Business: Nancy Comer reported that they had picked up 2 new people in August for the Diversity Committee. We still need a chair for the Events Committees. Nancy Mitchell reported they are working on developing a policy related to social marketing and are looking for testimonials for OLLI.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 10th at 9:00 am via zoom.