

Meeting Notes- 2/14/18
OLLI at UNT
Curriculum Committee

Committee Present: Patti Smith, Sally Austin, Peggy Higgins, Diane Hoemeke, Jim Goodnow, Diana Mason, Debbie Smatresk, Andrea Tuckness, Stephanie Reinke, Rebecca Fridley, Jonathan Hall, Pat Cheek, Karen Nelsen

Members Not Present: Bob Jackson, Clea Puckett

Meeting Notes

Concerns:

*class cancellations- Could we develop a procedure to have classes on standby or classes that didn't make slide into a slot when an Instructor cancels another class?

Could we ask the instructor if they have a peer that could teach us that class?

Some suggestions included providing TED talks, Great Courses in place of cancelled classes.

On the other hand we offered 113 classes this semester alone which can certainly withstand several cancellations without impacting the program.

* Class evaluations- we are getting these in. A few people said it wasn't a problem to do them and a few stated it's like homework to do it once you get home. Doing both paper and online evaluations could provide duplication when asked if we could have that as an option.

Jonathan suggested we come up with a bookmark to place on tables outside of classes with a reminder to do the evaluations, then on the back have websites/ phone numbers for things like AARP

Suggestion was made to add a list of specific topics at the end of the evaluation to see which subjects we suggest generate the most interest.

"What topics or instructors would interest you?" was another wording suggestion

General Suggestions:

*Good Samaritan at Lake Forest is interested in having a branch of OLLI out there. Good Sam would also provide a shuttle (currently existing) from Hinkle Good Samaritan location which would increase enrollment.

This would help us add another part of the city we can be reaching.

Jonathan suggested if we decide to do this we could start with a 4 part series. It was also suggested to do focus groups there.

Assisted Living centers typically offer this type of service (lifelong learning).

* It was suggested that we have a UNT representative to work with OLLI representative- to take general class ideas as well as follow up with teachers specifically requested.

Stephanie and Andrea typically do this- and now that the President of UNT has met with department chairs the program will hopefully have more importance from UNT staff.

OLLI Cookies were shared with Deans for each department to continue recruiting instructors.

Classes:

*Summer schedule: March 7 we review class proposals

*special interest groups could be flushed out more to start in the summer

*summer session will be at all 3 locations and at UNT the location will be at the Gateway location. Kickoff will be at the Apogee stadium hub club 5/16/18 2-4.

* Considering many people travel in the summer it was suggested that we pick proposals of people that have taught us before. That way they won't get spooked if there's a low turnout.

*Class subject suggestions- Bridge, SCRAP, Dance, class by the instructor that taught us the 5th Beatle and Johnny Cash music classes, Rin Baker (?)

*We currently have 20 class proposals now

*Debbie Smatresk suggested having a book club for up to 20 people at her house.

*Other class suggestions:

*Bridge club has been contacted but would people be willing to pay an additional fee for this class?

* Specs liquor owned by UNT grad- would this be a possible wine tasting location. Other suggestion for wine tasting was Total Wine.

*Trip to winery with a chartered bus

* Since we have a big turnout on religion classes, can we solicit more of these?

*TWU is considering classes at their location again but are currently providing us with instructors at other locations

* Instructor wish list: Jake Blossser (UNT History). Lisa Rowe to talk with us about NASA, David Finfrock former head meteorologist with NBC5, Thorne Anderson, R. Baker (athletic director), Scott Burns

* A class on blogging

* A class on 2008: Economic Meltdown, Unprecedented Presidential Election

(Last 2 suggestions I meant to bring up in the meeting but didn't get to)

This notetaker would request that we follow a general agenda each time regardless of specific items requested or not.

Perhaps-

*Current concerns

*Classes/instructors (for whichever semester we're looking at coming up next)

*New ideas for OLLI

That way people can group together ideas in a manner that is more conducive with note taking. Thanks for your consideration.