

OLLI at UNT Advisory Council

Monday, April 29, 2020

Deborah Diehl brought the meeting to open at 2:09 PM. This meeting was done via Zoom.

Members present included: Deborah Diehl, John Booth, Branon Dunn, Peggy Higgins, Max Morey, Ray Pahler, Emily Richardson. (absent: Dr Jain, Diana Mason), Darrell VanDyke) A quorum was present.

Staff included Stephanie Reinke.

Minutes from January 27, 2020 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Director's report

Stephanie report that since we last met, Andrea Tuckness left OLLI and moved to Oklahoma. They had a great set of candidates and were ready to bring the final 10 into the offices for interviews when the COVID-19 pandemic shut the university. There is now a hiring freeze and chances are that her position will not be filled. Currently her duties have been split amongst the other staff.

Budget conversations throughout the university are being pursued. Stephanie at this point is not sure how this might affect OLLI and its offerings.

Summer is definitely going to be remote this year. There will be recorded lectures by many that were planning to offer their courses. They are also adding 3 Great Courses to the line-up. There will be a summer only membership that will give individuals access to ALL content. We extended all membership for an additional semester to compensate for the 6 weeks we lost in the spring because of COVID-19.

They are currently trying to decide about fall courses. Tutorials will definitely be needed for faculty in a larger scale than what is happening this summer. It may be a mix of online and seated courses. We are definitely not going to open Lantana for the fall but will market to them.

Discussion amongst the Advisory Board resulted in the Advisory Board recommending that a virtual semester be considered. An early decision is needed due to the lift with what courses will be taught, by who and how much support will be needed.

Stephanie also talked about the travel program. Portugal is still scheduled for August. Collette has canceled all programs through June, waiting on the decision for August. There were 8 originally going to Portugal, down to 4. John recommended a survey to membership asking them if they are willing to travel overseas in 2020.

Membership & Nominations

With Peggy's help, Stephanie sent a letter to membership asking for nominations. There are three individuals moving off the board (Peggy Higgins, Branon Dunn and Deborah Diehl moving into Ex Officio (non-voting) status). Max Morley will move into President position.

Currently there are 4 individuals that have self-nominated. Three individuals have been actively involved in the running of OLLI for a number of years, the third is a new faculty member from spring 2020.

All other nominations need to be completed by May 4th for consideration. The Membership & Nominations committee is planning to bring the candidates forward for the Advisory Board consideration at the May meeting.

Old Business

Both the Committee Chair Tutorial and the Attendance requirements are being worked on. The goal is to have them ready for implementation in Fall 2020.

New Business

Stephanie reminded the Advisory Board to read the “wonderful” emails being put out by Jordan during this time and respond as appropriate to them. They are always looking for new content to offer to members during this time of social distancing.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2020 at 3:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.