

## **Minutes**

### **OLLI Advisory Council Meeting November 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Diana Mason at 2:02p.m.

In attendance Council members: John Booth, Deborah Diehl, Jonathan Hall, Diana Mason, Max Morley, Stephanie Reinke, Patti Smith. Guests: Neal Smatresk, Debbie Smatresk.

#### Announcements

UNT President Neal Smatresk expressed his extreme satisfaction with the growth and continued success of the OLLI program and with the program Director, Stephanie Reinke.

He announced a new location made available for the OLLI program; a building on Scripture Street. This location includes space for classes, offices for administrative staff and free parking for members and staff. The space is a gift of in-kind funds equal to \$60,000 rent free. OLLI will have a 5 year lease agreement on the space.

In response, Stephanie Reinke expressed her gratitude to President Smatresk for his continual support of OLLI at UNT.

#### Minutes

The minutes of the September 12 meeting were reviewed by council members as posted and a motion to approve was made by John Booth and seconded by Jonathan Hall.

#### Financial Report

Jonathan Hall stated there was no written financial report to be presented, yet the program remains positive to budget.

#### Director's Report

Stephanie Reinke provided additional details about the new space on Scripture Street stating it has been completely remodeled to include reception space, a member lounge, conference room, staff offices and 40 free parking spaces. The classroom space provides capacity for Monday/Wednesday classes, replacing current UNT campus space, for 60 members without tables or 40 members with tables. Both the classroom and conference spaces provide an opportunity for Special Interest Group (SIG) gatherings. The new OLLI administrative offices will be opened on December 17. A date for ribbon cutting and Open House will be announced soon.

Stephanie announced OLLI at UNT reached the membership goal and our application for the endowment was unanimously approved! OLLI at UNT will be receiving the \$1Million

endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation! The monies will be distributed to our local program annually, rather than a lump sum distribution. Plans are being developed for use of the \$50K bridge grant monies.

Finally, Stephanie stated our member attendance at UNT New College at Frisco has not met the attendance sizes originally anticipated. Summer 2019 classes will move to the Frisco Senior Center.

### Standing Committee Reports

Communications and Marketing: Jonathan Hall presented the advertising currently running in the Cross Timber Gazette, Denton Community magazine and FYI 50+ magazine. Well attended OLLI Showcase events were held the week of November 5 in Carrollton and The Colony.

Stephanie Reinke and Jonathan Hall attended the OLLI National Conference in Scottsdale. The OLLI at UNT program is attracting national attention due to our phenomenal growth and success, as well as our endowment recipient status. In line with national program focus, our future areas of focus will be fundraising, diversity and scholarships.

Curriculum: Stephanie reported some comments have been received regarding the small number of “new” classes offered Fall 2018. A count of courses however proved to be 50 new vs 52 repeat classes in the Fall catalog. A conversational Spanish class is being considered as an offering in the Spring, in preparation for the Cuba trip offering. Great Decisions program will also begin in Spring.

Membership and Nominations: No meeting of this committee has been held since last Advisory Council meeting. No report was presented.

### Policies and Procedures

A discussion was held regarding Academic Freedom. The director expressed her full support of such.

### Website Updates

A discussion was held regarding duties of the AC Secretary position. Necessary updates to the website include maintenance of AC officer membership with length of term and committee Chair accountability, as well as dates and times of AC meetings. This information will be updated on the website as soon as possible.

### New Business/Other Business

No new business/other business was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30p.m.

Notes recorded and report written by Deborah Diehl due to Branon Dunn's absence from the meeting. (Deborah, many thanks for this help. Branon)