

## **OLLI Class Selection and Faculty Recruitment Committee Meeting**

OLLI/UNT Office 1716 Scripture Street, Denton, TX

October 4, 2019

Present: Pat Cheek, Peggy Higgins, Karen Nelsen, Jim Goodnow, Stephen Booher, Ron Fink, Stephanie Reinke, Susan Lueders, Andrea Tuckness.

Absent: Robert Jackson, Diane Hoemeke, Cleta Plunkett

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

Thanks to Andrea for printing and collating Spring classes.

Evaluations: We are receiving many more class evaluations now that reminders are being sent out to each class participant. Classes that receive a low evaluation are being investigated by Stephanie. There will be a new standard for Spring classes. All class evaluations are anonymous. We are thinking about getting rid of the QR code because the reminders are working so well.

All courses were approved for the spring semester.

For the Spring 2020 classes, there are 3 classes on the waiting list. These were classes that were submitted after the deadline. We could use these classes in Summer 2020, or they could be used in place of a class currently scheduled. The committee chose to possibly save them for Summer 2020.

It was announced that 1 OLLI After 5 and 2 Lunch and Learn classes will be held at our UNT location in Spring 2020 rather than holding all these type of classes at Robson Ranch. The Art Education and Art History Dept will be highlighted this semester.

The question was brought up as to why we must pay to attend a class at the Flower Mound Senior Center and it was explained that it's a usage fee that is necessary for the City of Flower Mound to use its facility. The same is true in Frisco at the Senior Center there.

There have been a few instances where the laptop at Robson Ranch has not functioned properly for the OLLI at UNT classes. OLLI staff is working with Robson staff to remedy this problem in a timely manner.

Faculty Handouts are rarely used by participants because people tend not to know that they are available on the OLLI website. We will work on a way to let participants know about the availability of Faculty Handouts if they pertain to a class they are participating in. Handouts are available at: [olli.unt.edu](http://olli.unt.edu) under the Member Portal tab.

The Great Decisions course facilitated by Jim Goodnow will be offered in Fall 2020 probably at UNT. It was suggested that the time allocated for this course would be better if it was 2 afternoon class times back to back. It was also suggested that perhaps political science students could guide the discussion part of the class. Also suggested was that we would have access to dry erase boards during the discussion phase of the class.

According to the National OLLI website, one university is offering a lifelong learning summer school at the University of Cambridge in England. It features classes in the arts, literature, and architecture.

A member asked mentioned Close-Up, a program for high school and middle school students in Washington, DC. She was wondering if such a program was available for seniors or adults. This may be of interest to many people. We will investigate this.

Our meeting concluded at 11:11 AM.

**Our next meeting will be to decide classes for Summer 2020. That meeting will be on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10 AM in the UNT Office on Scripture Street.**

Respectfully submitted on October 4, 2019.

Karen Nelsen