

OLLI Curriculum Committee Meeting
UNT Business Service Center, Room 4202B
June 6, 2018

Present: Diana Mason, Robert Jackson, Peggy Higgins, Debbie Smatresk, Rebecca Fridley, Karen Nelsen, Jim Goodnow, Stephen Booher, Ellen Hawk, Ron Fink, Stephanie Reinke, Diane Hoemeke, Andrea Tuckness, Katelyn Noah

Not present: Sally Austin

Guest: Paul Bardwil

Notes taken by Diane Hoemeke who agreed to take Sally Austin's place as she resigned from her position

Presentation by Paul Bardwil and Cuba Trip

Stephanie introduced Paul Bardwil, president of Global Educational Facilitation, who presented a travel plan to Cuba. He emphasized this trip is possible because it is a "people-to-people travel" program and educationally related. Paul shared, via handout, information about cost, a tentative itinerary, and other pertinent travel information. He added that the trip can be "custom built" to tailor interests of those in the group—interests such as beaches, art community, unique medical system of Cuba. This program includes medical insurance in Cuba for the duration of this trip. March is recommended travel time to avoid hurricane issues. In response to Debbie's inquiry about incentives to faculty, Paul said there is the possibility of one free trip if a goal of 20 is reached. Debbie recommended Paul contact the music department about this travel to Cuba.

Collette Travel

There has been very little interest in any of the current three Collette trips; 5-6 have committed to the South Dakota trip.

Stephanie said someone from Collette will talk at the fall kick-off. These travel opportunities can be opened to other groups, such as UNTRA or other UNT Departments that might have collaborative interests. It is important to the Osher Foundation to offer unique travel opportunities. OLLI is not contracted with Collette but is open to other travel companies.

Jim suggested, at a future time, a survey of members to find out their travel preferences.

Trips for next year are:

- Cuba—March (Global Educational Facilitation)
- Pacific Northwest—July or August (Collette)
- Colors of New England—Fall, 2019 (Collette)

Details of trips will follow at a later time.

Day Trippers Destinations of 2018-2019

Jim presented a schedule he and Diana developed for day trips from September, 2018—summer, 2019. (Attached is a listing and brief description of each outing that Jim presented.)

Andrea said the Denton County Horse Tour has been done before, and it was well attended. Katelyn added the bluebonnet trip to Ennis is well worth it.

Stephanie asked Jim to look at dates, transportation options, sign-up procedures, and other pertinent information that could be included in the next catalogue. Jim will have this information by the end of June.

Sponsor(s) for SIGs

There are still 5-6 more openings in the Great Book Club.

Debbie is still willing to open her home to a book club but not lead the group every time.

Jim Goodnow is leading the Day Trippers. Johnathan Hall and Donna Zelisko-McLaughlin are leading a theatre group. Bob Jackson is leading a book club in Frisco. Volunteers for other groups are needed.

*****After the meeting, Rebecca Fridley agreed to lead the second book club in Denton*****

Class Selections for Fall, 2018

Members of the committee were given a list of fall classes and a summary of each class.

Andrea shared that all class times are full and all proposals are included in the fall schedule. There are no classes to be eliminated and there are no classes on the wait list.

Open Discussion

In response to Diana's inquiry as to what the OLLI Foundation is looking for, Stephanie and Debbie responded mentioning items such as stellar faculty, variety of classes, travel opportunities, satellite locations, and increase in enrollment

Volunteer and fund raising opportunities are future possibilities.

Stephanie thanked Andrea and Katelyn for their work; Debbie commented that the OLLI at UNT catalogue is the best—compliments to Katelyn on this.

Getting evaluations is still a problem. Deans, who have encouraged their faculty to participate in the OLLI program, are asking for evaluations. New measures are in place this summer to increase evaluation responses such as posters with QR codes being placed in classrooms that link members directly to the surveys as well as reminders given at the beginning of each class. With the upcoming new software, triggered reminders will be able to go out to members about evaluations as well.

The enrollment in Frisco is increasing. Every house at Frisco Lakes got a door hanger about OLLI; information about OLLI was in the community paper. Stephanie is willing to talk to the mayor of Frisco about the OLLI program. Bob is working on sharing OLLI information at Frisco Lakes.

Peggy mentioned other universities have ways of recognizing faculty who are repeat presenters such as mentioning this, somehow, in the catalogue. Diana suggested return students also be recognized. Bob suggested indicating this on individual's OLLI ID card.

OLLI at UNT membership was at 528 at the time of this meeting.

Next Meeting

Next OLLI Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 20, 3-4 pm, at UNT Business Service Center, Woodhill Square, 1112 Dallas Drive.