

## OLLI at UNT Curriculum Meeting

Zoom Meeting, Hosted by Jordan Williams, Chaired by Karen Nelsen

November 11, 2020

Present: Ron Fink, Susan Lueders, Jim Goodnow, Stephen Booher, Karen Nelsen, Susan Supak, Bert Hayslip, Peggy Higgins, Diane Hoemeke, Steve Dubrow, Lily Witty, Jordan Williams, Stephanie Reinke

Absent: Pat Cheek

Prior to the meeting, committee members were emailed *Spring 21 Course Descriptions and Bios* and were asked to review these. Available evaluation summaries for the fall (2020) courses were also emailed.

Karen called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Stephanie thanked the committee members for their work. She also reminded members the primary responsibility of this committee is to review class proposals in order to approve classes, reject classes, reject classes based on an issue with the presenter, and accept classes with suggested changes. (OLLI staff is usually cognizant of any issue with a presenter and addresses this situation.)

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

The purpose of this meeting is to approve spring, 2021, classes. Information and discussion included:

- Courses listed as #7, #36, #52 on the *Spring 21 Course Descriptions* have no course descriptions. Course #52 has no course title. Staff will check on this and get the necessary information. Stephanie will get this information to committee members. Committee members will contact the office only if there is a problem. Otherwise, the additional information will be approved.
- The class regarding a flying drone, #1 on the listing, will be delayed until classes can meet again in person.
- Several classes offered in the spring of 2021 are repeats from fall 2020 semester and one class was offered in the fall and summer of 2020. After discussion the consensus of the committee was to include those classes in the spring of 2021.
- Jim Goodnow is presenter and coordinator of the *Great Decisions Discussion* classes. After discussion, the eight sessions of this program will be offered in the spring semester. They will be scheduled late in the day to allow extra discussion time, if necessary. The booklet for this program will be available in January. The office will take care of running the videos for each session. Stephanie suggested, if one class seems to be popular, it could be offered as a separate class at a later time.

### **Other Business:**

- Susan complimented Jordan and Lily for a job well done in hosting the virtual classes.
- There are a number of potential classes being recruited including:
  - WASP presentation from TWU
  - other classes via Southwestern Medical Center
  - professor from Oregon sharing story of his mother who was a holocaust survivor
  - New Your City film company which makes documentaries

- Special Interest Groups (SIG) are active. These include Great Book Club, yoga, wood working, recipe swap, and “book-talk” with Jean Greenlaw.
- Art trip with UNT professor has been delayed until 2022. Other trips are still scheduled for 2021.
- Catalog for spring should be available on December 11. Members will be contacted by email regarding this.
- Stephanie encouraged committee members to help recruit presenters. Jordan suggested using the evaluation information to see what topics are popular.

Next meeting will probably be in March, 2021. Members will be notified by email as to date and time.