

Participants: Barry Bowman, Lois Widom, Mark Gordon, Dennis Morris, David Lieby, Bill Patterson, Joya Chatterjee, Cindy Margolin, Gail Greenwood, Kate Erstein, Dani Barker, Guenter Vorlop.

Motion Approvals:

1. Approval of November 2021 minutes.
2. Approval of allowing Barry Bowman a trial program for graduate students to teach courses at OLLI with a \$ 1500 compensation/course.

Other Highlights:

3. Barry Bowman:

- Board re-confirmed that course teachers become honorary OLLI members if they teach 2 or more courses at OLLI UCSC.
- Next Zoom General Meeting is on 1/16/22 at 10 AM with breakout groups, 10:30 business meeting and 11 AM guest speaker Sean Keilen, professor of literature at UCSC, who will talk about Shakespeare.
- February general meeting speaker will be Bernie LeBoeuf about elephant seals.

4. Dani Barker: status of UCSC/OLLI relationship is not yet settled. There are major personnel changes at the University Relations Division. Barry Bowman wants a meeting with the new Director of Foundation Relations, Sara Carl and he meets with Dani Barker twice/month. Joya Chatterjee asked whether a memo of understanding between UCSC and OLLI exists which Dani Barker confirmed and wants to look into it for reference. Mark Gordon recommended going back to 1999 in the archives. OLLI's connection to UCSC was with University Relations, then with STARS.

5. Lois Widom:

- Finding willing teachers has become a real challenge as most of them prefer teaching in person.
- Is aiming for 1 course per month starting with Barry Bowman's Zoom course in Jan/Feb "Food and Biochemistry".
- Has candidate teacher for a course about the just launched Webb telescope.
- Gail Greenwood is willing to repeat her lecture "Women in the Ancient World".
- To attract more people to the courses Lois Widom suggested advertising in the Sentinel and to direct to our website for more information. Kate Erstein suggested that it needs to say that these general meetings are "open to the public".

- Barry Bowmann pointed out that Zoom courses have generated fewer participants last calendar year and is becoming a real challenge to the Board this year.
- Courses are key to OLLI's survival and Barry Bowman suggested allowing him to explore tapping into a pool of UCSC graduate students who may be interested in teaching a course with 3-5 lectures. And that Barry Bowman can offer the students a fee of \$ 1500 per course. There are 42 departments and Barry Bowman checked with the chairs of the microbiology and history department and got positive feedback. If we would get 10 students to teach this year that would amount to \$ 15K expenses which should be very doable in our budget. See motion approval # 2.

6. Cindy Margolin:

- Presented two 2021/2022 budget income/expenses scenarios. One 50% in person/50% remote and one 100% remote. Based on this, there is enough funding for increased spending in publicity, scholarships and new spending for courses with graduate students' participation (Barry Bowman's proposal).
- Even with reduced member "fees," we will be able to fund our scholarships for another year or two.

7. Ginna Holcombe – Interest Groups:

- Could not join. Barry Bowman looked at the OLLI website at UC Davis and noticed that they offer many "courses" which would be covered under our interest groups without charge. Both cover a main goal so that members can learn and socialize.

8. Mark Gordon – Facilities and Hospitality: nothing new to report.

9. David Lieby:

- Next newsletter deadline is 1/22/22.
- Sending out 200 paper newsletters.
- Mark Gordon suggested putting more "beef" into the newsletter by trying to get members to tell their story about "learning experiences".

10. Dennis Morris: we have 472 members for 2020 versus 435 in 2021.

11. Kate Erstein: considers finding new members also part of her responsibility and Joya Chatterjee, David Lieby agreed to join her new subcommittee for this effort. Kate Erstein will also ask Karen Gamell, membership and events, to join.

12. General comments and thoughts:

- Barry Bowman pointed out how important social gathering is for our members and what can be done? Kate Erstein suggested Friday night social Zoom meetings, Dennis Morris OLLI Picnic and Barry Bowmann would like to hear life stories from members.

Next Board meeting is 2/14/22.

