

# TSO Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

## Jan. 9, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kathy Shoemaker at 10:30 a.m.
- II. Attendees: Cindy Coopsmith Bob de Michele Carol DeCoursey, Fred Frederickson, Jay Hurwitz, Chuck Kimbrough, Carole Maynard, Jim Maynard, Nancy Rogers, Kathy Shoemaker, Chris Steele
- III. Guest: Carol introduced Ken Dammand of Fix Democracy First which is a group of political activists with interests in publicly funding the path to elective office: understanding corporate personhood and its impact on the political process. They may be able to provide a set of speakers with expertise in these areas. The classes might be a half hour presentation and 60 minutes discussion regarding the way democracy functions and the problems experienced. Since it is too late for Spring Quarter, it may be proposed for Fall Quarter. Another option might be to have a speaker for the Coffee and Wisdom series. Carol will arrange coordination with Angela Young.
- IV. November minutes were approved as emailed by Kathy Shoemaker on January 8 with the addition of Ted Watts last name.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Student Survey Status: Jim Maynard and Bob de Michele
    - i. Jim and Carole prepared survey regarding student course interests at request of Angela. Angela was going to integrate it with BC Administration questions into SurveyMonkey and send to all TELOS students. Angela advised that submittal looked fine and she would proceed.
    - ii. Students will also receive a question regarding their willingness to pay an activity fee of between \$2-5 for each course. This will be an up or down vote.
  - b. Consortium Status: Jim & Carole Maynard
    - i. Suggested that TELOS collaborate with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Washington which would allow more efficient and wider use of instructors. Natalie Lecture, Osher Director, has expressed interest in this idea. Jim and Carole met with Angela who has been charged to have TELOS apply for an Osher grant. Per their website, Osher is not accepting applications for grants at this time; they are encouraging letters of interest which may be pursued at a future date. Jim and Chris have been asked to help Angela by drafting a letter of inquiry which would highlight the educational background of Bellevue (East King County) residents, the historical background of TELOS as well as the benefits of a grant regarding wider catchment for retirees. Hopefully, this will be completed in the next few weeks. Jim's time is limited as he will need to focus on developing his Spring Quarter class due to Bill Stephens' recent accident.
  - c. Chuck still pursuing the parameters regarding the recording of meetings

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- d. Currently 36 classes are being held for Winter Quarter with a total of 590 enrollments (not individual students).
- e. Schedule for class submissions to Angela
  - i. Spring Qtr. 2015: April 6-May 27. Course submissions were due by Dec. 8
  - ii. *All following dates are approximate:*
    - 1. Summer Qtr. 2015 July 1- August 27. Course submissions due Mar. 1.
    - 2. Fall Qtr. Sept. 22 – Nov. 19. Course submissions due May 22.
    - 3. Winter Qtr. 2016 Jan. 5 - Feb. 26. Course submissions due Sept. 5.
- f. Recruitment of instructors for Summer/Fall Quarter 2015
  - i. Kathy:
    - 1. Connie Sidles—Spring regarding how birds live
    - 2. Dr. Stephen Bezruchka—global public health and how country's economy impacts healthcare
    - 3. City of Bellevue Julie Ellenhorn, is interested in teaching the class *Bellevue Essentials* for TELOS
    - 4. Holocaust thru 10 artifacts
    - 5. Science of sports
    - 6. Women of the ancients—Socrates wife—
    - 7. Geology of water—potential instructor does not want to conflict with current Geology instructor—
    - 8. Opera—Theodore Deacon—
    - 9. Potential *Art Crime* instructor, Rebecca Albiani, has advised that North Campus is too far to drive—
    - 10. Potential instructor from Center for Urban Horticulture, Cindy Riskin
    - 11. Modern Mexican History ???
    - 12. Connect with Lifetime Learning Center's (Lake City) Bill Taylor regarding potential teachers
    - 13. Mycology--mushrooms
  - ii. Bob de Michele:
    - 1. Will teach *The Black Death*
  - iii. Chris:
    - 1. Ted Watts has proposal regarding Railroads
  - iv. Nancy Rogers:
    - 1. Farida Hakim has name for potential course on Rumi (maybe event)
    - 2. Will check to see if current instructor David Smith has ideas—
  - v. Cindy:

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1. Possible Ralph Munroe event—
  2. Will check with David Nicandri, former Washington State History Museum Director, regarding potential instructors
  - vi. Carol:
    1. Ken Dammand, Fix Democracy First (Guest)
    2. Bryan Sontag may have ideas regarding potential instructors
  - vii. Chuck:
    1. David Domke, Chair of U of W Department of Communications, is an amazing speaker currently working with BC's Coordinator of International Studies, Tim Jones. He has spoken to Seattle Arts and Lectures and U of W alumni regarding the civil rights movement--possible event—
    2. Will contact regarding ideas for instructors:
      - a. The Washington Coalition for Open Government
      - b. Sam Reed
    3. There was some discussion regarding how to contact individuals by phone or email. Chuck will investigate how to inexpensively obtain this information.
  - viii. Fred:
    1. Senior lawyers partner to come in and talk on different topics for 8 weeks. Explore possibility of them getting Continuing Legal Education credits.
  - g. Recruitment letters
    - i. Reminder that the text of template was approved by Angela; changes should be minimal
    - ii. Kathy will send copy of letter to Cindy
  - h. Public access to TSO email info/Instructor information
    - i. Chuck has begun researching the permission form used by U of W. Chuck will continue his investigation on this issue.
- VI. New Business
- a. Meetings
    - i. Schedule of meetings -
      1. It was moved that the standing meetings for the Curriculum Committee would be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month from 10:30-12:00. Motion approved.
  - b. Business Cards for Curriculum Committee Members
    - i. Kathy will take to the TSO Council
  - c. Diversity of Instructors
    - i. Nancy will discuss next meeting
  - d. Other items:
    - i. Orientation Meeting

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1. Kathy will investigate the next date and Curriculum Committee's role in setting up
- ii. Explore with Angela email to notify possible class closure.
  1. Some committee members did not receive the email
  2. Some students are registering on day class starts
  3. Kathy will discuss with Angela
- iii. It was suggested that committee members email other members regarding what they have done to recruit new instructors prior to the next meeting

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 12:17 pm. Next meeting is January 23.

Chris Steele  
Temporary Substitute Secretary