

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE HELD  
FRIDAY, March 18th 2016 AT 10.30 A.M.**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Chair: Chris Steele. Tim Hay, Fred Fredrickson, Jay Hurwitz, Carol Maynard, Jim Maynard, Kathy Shoemaker, Arlene La Turner, Rick Bonk, Ann Thurley, Robert Wilburn, Donnelly Wilburn

Chris Steele advised the Committee that Sue Dillon had found employment and was no longer available.

The minutes of the February 2016 meetings were presented and approved.

The issue of attendance by prospective students to Class Previews was discussed. At the last preview there were more instructors than students. Angela has suggested that the instructors make a 2 to 3-minute video to be viewed on line and that there be two Open Houses per year. The Open Houses would use several rooms and be divided by subject.  
Tabled for further discussion.

TSO Survey. 50% of eligible members took time to complete the survey. Results showed members are, overall, happy with presentations and courses. A big issue of concern is parking which is likely to become worse in the Fall when more BC Continuing Education Students will be at the North Campus. It remains to be seen if starting classes 30 minutes later has any impact on this as this change is more to avoid commuter traffic.

Topics of interest that stood out for the Curriculum Committee were:-

- Background on Current Events
- More Science & Psychology
- Current Elections
- Modern European Literature
- Current Biographies
- The Happiness Project

Under the heading of Science & Psychology Carol Maynard suggested important topics for Telos students would be the new gene therapies, targeted cancer therapies, gerontology, and death with dignity issues. Tim Hay has a Primary Physician who is a specialist in geriatrics. He will see if he knows anyone who would be willing to lecture on one or more of these issues.

There was discussion about music programs from Opera to Blue Grass to Jazz. Seattle Opera performs 4 operas per season. A one-time lecture related to an upcoming performance was thought to be the most likely to be attended. Tim Hay suggested Speight Jenkins and Arlene La Turner suggested Norm Hollingshead. It was not known if either of these men speak without a fee. The Opera lecture and lectures on other music genres will be discussed further.

**Spring Quarter** has 516 registrations for classes. 15 to 20 classes have low enrollment and may be cancelled. Average for a class is 12. This is sometimes waived for a new instructor. There was general discussion about new instructors' time slots competing with long time popular instructors which puts them at a disadvantage.

**Planetarium Visit** is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 as part of Ron Hobbs course on Being at Home in the Universe: An Introduction to Astronomy.

**Summer Quarter** Angela now has 27 Proposals for classes.

**Fall Classes** Proposals for Fall Classes due by May 16<sup>th</sup> 2016. John Bishop has a Fall Class on the differences in policing practices. He will be pairing up with local law enforcement to give the different viewpoints and perspectives.

#### **Rules for submissions by new instructors.**

For New Instructors Proposals the first meeting is with the Curriculum Committee and then a formal Proposal and their information is submitted to Bellevue College.

**Laurie Philips** came to introduce herself and sit in on part of the meeting. She was asked about the time frame for the 4 week classes. They will only be offered during the first 4 weeks of the quarter – Four Classes in this category are being formed at this time.

#### **Coffee and Wisdom**

The March lecture on The Death Penalty was attended by 63 people. Participants enjoyed Bill Jaquette's presentation.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> is on Justice Scalia by Dr. Silber.** 66 people have already signed up and there is a wait list of 39. Angela now has the equipment and software to broadcast a lecture via TV connection to another room. However, the person is not available on Fridays to handle this. Dr. Silber is willing to give 2 lectures, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. After discussion it was agreed that Virginia will decide how to pursue advising people of the two sessions and tracking who is attending at which time. Jay Hurwitz will introduce Dr. Silber.

**Coffee and Wisdom Lectures of May 6<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016** have no speakers at this time.

**Quarter Break -- March lectures** Those already held were well attended and received positive reviews.

March 24<sup>th</sup> is Rob Hobbs on Pluto. Fred Fredrickson is the alternate to introduce him.

March 25<sup>th</sup> is Ed Lincoln, author of "Through The Rear View Mirror. 25 people signed up at this time. Gloria Campbell will introduce him.

March 30<sup>th</sup> is Judge Peter Nolte "The Peoples' Court". Fred Frederickson will introduce him.

**Quarter Break -- June Lectures.** Committee Members have the calendar showing lectures already confirmed for June and August/September. There are still dates open. Hosts are still needed for several of the presentations.

**Quarter Break -- August/September Lectures** Jim Maynard is presenting “Russia, The Near Abroad, and the Newly Emerging Cold War” a 2-day lecture on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2016

Carol Maynard suggested looking into entertainment programs that might be welcomed by people who do not leave town in the summer, e.g. Short Music Programs, What’s Up here on the Eastside during August and September will be checked.

Chris Steele revisited the question of Authors as Guest Speakers. It was still felt that any speaking event that involved selling books was problematic. There will be further discussion.

Chris revisited having some form of recognition for instructors to be given at the August picnic. This is in addition to making this a celebration of 40 years of TELOS.

The next meeting is April 15th 2016 at 10.30a.m.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Thurley