

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE HELD
FRIDAY, April 15th 2016 AT 10.30 A.M.**

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

Present: Chair: Chris Steele. Rick Bonk, Nancy Fisher, Fred Fredrickson, Tim Hay, Jay Hurwitz, Arlene LaTurner, Carol Maynard, Jim Maynard, Kathy Shoemaker, Julie Smith, Nellie Spruch, Michael Spruch, Ann Thurley, Robert Wilburn, Donnelly Wilburn, Richard Young

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

The total registrations for the Spring 2016 quarter were 701. Number of classes cancelled 12. There was no record of which classes those were.

For the Summer 2016 Quarter there are 27 classes being offered.

For the Fall Quarter the deadline for submitting Class Proposals is May 16th 2016.

Alan Miller's wife is ill and he may be unable to handle anymore teaching at this time. He may consider repeating his Happiness Class for Fall Quarter.

Ken Wright has decided to retire and will no longer be teaching the Tai Chi classes. There was discussion about whether there should be an acknowledgement of his contribution to TELOS. This was folded into the general discussion about acknowledgements and honorariums, and how awkward it could be. As was decided later it was better just to give a general thank you to all instructors at events such as the picnic and the Holliday Party

Responsibilities of instructors need to be reiterated. Recently an instructor ended a class early and cancelled another without advance notification.

There was discussion about suggested new classes and student participation when a new instructor is found, completes the process and is assigned a day and time, only to have low enrollment and the class cancelled. We need to be sure that if specialized subjects (such as Classical Music, Philosophy, Logic, European Literature) are offered there are enough students who will sign up.

Additionally, it is sometimes hard for a new instructor if the class time is the same as a known, popular instructor. Curriculum Committee may need to be willing to sign up for classes "on the brink"

Presenter on Bellevue as part of the Eastside series gave all attendees the book, Bellevue 100 Years. After discussion it was decided that this was an unsolicited gift and required no further action by the Committee.

Instructor Recognition It was felt that this could open a "Pandora's Box" if there was a financial recognition of any sort. It was unanimous that a general thank you to all the instructors was a good idea and would be welcomed.

Honorarium It was mentioned that some people who are approached to present a program are used to receiving an honorarium which TSO does not do. After discussion it was decided that TSO could not afford this.

Expenses This matter was tabled for further discussion.

Alessandro Regio We do not know if he is available in September as yet.

Coffee & Wisdom

The presentation on Scalia by Fred Silber was excellent and both sessions were well attended.

May 6th will be **End of Life Washington** presented by Sally McLaughlin and Kathy Sparkman. They will be bringing packages of paperwork relating to this issue. The charge is \$5.00. It was agreed that attendees would be notified of this and have the choice of purchasing the packet at the presentation or downloading the information from the End of Life Washington website.

June 3rd there was no speaker scheduled. After discussion Jay Hurwitz agreed to make a presentation on the **Facts of How the President is Elected**.

Note – Fridays, July 1st and September 2nd are the start of holiday weekends. It was agreed that Coffee & Wisdom would not be offered in July and September.

The April 22nd **Planetarium Visit-Secret Life of The Stars** is full.

Quarter Break Lectures -- June

Dates still available for speakers: June 1st, June 23rd and June 24th. It was discussed and decided that the calendar would be accepted with the speakers that are in place.

June 7th and June 14th- It was felt that the **Feldenkraiss** classes led by Irene Pasternak did not need introductions.

June 8th Cliff Walters **Cro Magnon Cognitive Archeology** needs a host.

Kathy Shoemaker and Julie Smith will contact the June speakers to obtain a short overview of their presentations so they can be promoted to TSO students.

Quarter Break Lectures – August/September

September 6th and 7th **Jim Maynard-The Russian near abroad international spheres of interest and the new cold war** are the only firm dates at the moment.

Suggestions for future Quarter Break lectures:

There were nine suggestions for future seminars. The following will be pursued:

Self-Driving Cars and Automated Driver Assist Systems. Kathy Shoemaker and Bob Wilburn will pursue locating a speaker.

Eastside Activities Lectures about what goes on in different Eastside venues was thought to be a great idea and Donnelly Wilburn will talk to people to see who would be available to give a presentation on what is going on here on the Eastside.

Earthquake Preparedness (Neighborhood)

Bev Vernon suggested an informative presentation on **Charities and what to look for**. This was thought to be worthwhile presentation.

Political Discussions There was serious discussion about a presentation/forum featuring both Democrats and Republicans prior to this year's election. A Sub-Committee was appointed to look into this. Members are Richard Young (Chair) Carol Leyton, Paul Maffeo. Kathy Shoemaker, Julie Smith, Tim Hay, Robert and Donnelly Wilburn.

The next meeting is May 20th 2016 at 10.30a.m.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Thurley