

# TSO Curriculum Committee Minutes

Friday, December 18, 2015

Attendees: Arlene LaTurner, Chris Steele, Chuck Kimbrough, Diane Kester, Fred Frederickson, Jay Hurwitz, Kathy Shoemaker, Richard Young, , Tim Hay

- I. Minutes of November 20 meeting were approved as submitted
- II. Information provided by Angela Young:
  - a. Winter Quarter:
    - i. As of December 16, 37 of 48 classes are a go; there are 648 registrations so far
    - ii. Angela will send email blast which will hopefully encourage enrollment in those classes with 6 or fewer enrollees
  - b. Spring Quarter:
    - i. Tentatively there will be 43 courses offered
- III. **Recruitment for Summer Q 2016 Classes**
  - a. New instructors: members start identifying potential instructors for both eight and four week classes
- IV. **Coffee and Wisdom**
  - a. Coffee and Wisdom will start at 10 a.m.
  - b. January 8: Stephen Kalish - Leo Frank Case; within one day, 49 people have requested reservations
  - c. February 5 Richard Young - Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change: Ten Lessons from Economics, Ecology, and History
  - d. March 4 Bill Jaquette - Death Penalty
- V. **TSO Quarter Break Seminars**
  - a. In the past, several terms have been used to describe these functions. The Committee agreed that they will be referred to as **Quarter Break Seminars**.
  - b. Standard start times will be 10 a.m. and 1:30
  - c. **December** seminars:
    - i. Tue./Thurs., Dec. 8 & 10 – “Birds in Winter: How Birds Cope with Adverse Conditions” and “Waterfowl of Winter: Life is just Ducky”, by Connie Sidles. This class had a full house and well received. Connie’s books sold well: day #1 the books grossed \$120, and day #2 the books grossed \$200. The TSO receives 10% of gross sales.
    - ii. Fri., Dec. 11 – “Emergency Preparedness” (regarding safety during catastrophic events) by Sophie Lopez, City of Bellevue, and Kayla Grayson, BC Public Safety Department. The two presenters worked well in tandem. Attendees were informed that because BC is a college, it may be targeted by terrorists. BC is in the process of developing a plan for both Main and North Campuses. The facilitators offered to come and do more training.
    - iii. Mon./Tue., Dec. 14 & 15 – “American Polity” by Jim Maynard. These presentations were sell-outs and went very well. Chris will forward by email the Power Point presentation to all attendees.
    - iv. Wed., Dec. 16 – Holiday Seasonal Concert to be held off-site at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Kirkland. It was agreed that further consideration of offering a similar program would be addressed during Fall Quarter 2016.
  - d. **January** seminars
    - i. January 22 Karen Strudwick - Guide Dogs
    - ii. January 29 Alessandro Regio Fundraiser *21<sup>st</sup> Century Threats*
    - iii. January 30 Alessandro Regio Fundraiser *2015 – The Year of the Migrant*
  - e. **March** Seminars

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i. **Scheduled** speakers during March 2016 break March

Date Scheduled	Speaker	Topic	Sponsor
March 2	Merle & Marti Arnot	Safari in Sub-Saharan East Africa	Kathy
March 8	Jane Morton, Bellevue Historical Society	Eastside Story	Bob, Donny, Chris
March 9	Kaeli Swift, School of Environment & Forest Services, UW	Crow Funerals	Kathy
March 15	Barbara Henning	Japonisme: How Japanese Art Influenced Western Art in the Late 19th Century.	Diane
March 25	Ed Lincoln	Author: Life through the Rearview Mirror	Gloria

f. **Other Ideas** for speakers-March & June

i. Authors

1. Need to develop guidelines for hosting authors
2. Program should be like CSPAN interviews, not simply selling of books
3. Daniel James Brown, author of Boys in the Boat

ii. Other ideas

1. Follow-up on Bernie Silbernagel – Sports
2. Planetary Resources-Kathy Shoemaker to pursue
3. All members to review Kathy Shoemaker’s handout

g. **Class/Seminar Issues:**

- i. The instructor/speaker is responsible for classroom management. As appropriate, Class/Seminar Hosts may assist by reminding students to turn off their cell phones and ask the instructor for guidelines for appropriate times regarding questions from students and whether students should raise their hands for recognition.
- ii. Chris to request any guidelines provided to instructors and class hosts.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Steele