

TSO COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Present: Ted Watts, President; Jerry Bunce, Diane Kester, Tim Hay, Jerry Harkleroad, Chuck Kimbrough, Paul Maffeo, Ray Mathis, Alexa Munoz, Jan Reha

Committee Chairs: Steve Denison, Donna Oberembt

Guest: Chris Steele

Absent: Georgann Lennon

Issues deliberated were:

I.

Marcia Chase submitted her resignation from her At Large position. The President nominated Jerry Bunce to fill the vacant office. The Council unanimously approved the appointment of Jerry Bunce as an At Large Member.

II.

The President identified a program that had the potential of being in competition with TELOS. Subsequent to a statement of facts, each Council member stated their position. The Council unanimously declined any further consideration of the matter.

III.

International Accreditation for Education and Training (IACET) processes are being instituted by Bellevue College that focus on "professional development" and "for credit" mid-career and employment position-improvement for *active* working people. These programs emphasize mastering competences and concrete skills.

On the other hand TELOS has a curriculum that is expressly designed for post-employment "retired" students. It does not require instructors with any demonstrated skills, expertise, or certification. Discussion, social interaction, and entertainment over real academic achievement is encouraged. TELOS emphasizes "community education".

The President encouraged the Council to review the information on the numerous IACET web sites, and develop questions on the IACET program and its relevance to TELOS for our next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next Meeting: The Council will have its regular meeting on **March 24, 2021 at 3:30 pm on Zoom**

Submitted by Alexa Munoz, Secretary