

## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES Thursday, January 20, 2022**

Present: Donna Oberembt, Chair; Judy Beal, Jan Reha, Andrea Smith-Clarke, Anne Repass, Claudia Lawrey, Sandi Medendorp, Georgann Lennon, Tim Hay, Ted Watts, Paul Maffeo. Edie Heppler, Chris Steele, Arnie Goldstein,

**I. Minutes:** The Minutes of November 18, 2021 were approved as submitted

### **II. Administration**

1. Some classes for Winter Qtr registrations are still open. Thus far 19 classes have begun, 10 are still open for registration; 8 classes have been cancelled—6 because of low enrollment; 1 because of instructor illness and 1 for unknown reason. Cancelled classes are:
  1. Women Who Changed Literature
  2. The Haitian Revolution
  3. Uniquely You Organizing
  4. Creating a Divided Nation
  5. Still Life in Oils
  6. The Homefront During WWII
  7. Self-Publish Your Writing
  8. Life After Retirement
2. 29 classes and 477 enrollments this far (includes ones for the classes not yet started); stats, which right now is better than Fall Qtr 2021.
3. Spring Qtr class proposal submission deadlines have passed. Per Sandi—titles of possible Spring classes will be published in the new Telescope that will be sent out shortly. Donna has been unable to get the list with instructors (BC has told her that the approved list will not be available till early February)but is submitting it again as a public records request and will continue to do so until she is furnished the approved list.
4. Donna also is submitting public record requests for historical enrollment history per qtr. to be able to better see the history of TELOS. Has data from 2020 to 2021 and working to finish 2019. One interesting stat: in

Winter of 2019: TELOS conducted 58 classes with total enrollment of 955! That is impressive!

### III. Info Review of December Seminars

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
12/1	David B. Williams	“Homewaters”	Excellent; 84 registrations; 60 attendees
12/2	Professor Harold Tobin	The Science of Giant Earthquakes and Tsunamis	Excellent; 58 registrations; 49 attendees
12/6	Winter Instructors	Taste of Telos	Excellent; 30 registrations and 26 attendees
12/7	Winter Instructors	Taste of Telos	Jan
12/8	David Turner	My Favorite Things at SAM—for Kids	Excellent but lower attendance; 14 registrations and 12 attendees
12/9	Winter Instructors	Taste of Telos	Excellent; 20 registrations and 13 attendees
12/10	Alessandro Regio	Contemporary Threats (This is a paid speaker event—\$30 for 2 sessions—10 AM and 4 PM)	Excellent; generated \$960 for TELOS; 28 attended 1st session and 24 attended 2nd session
12/14	Andrea Smith- Clarke	Imogen: A Retrospective	Wonderful!; 58 registrations and 48 attendees
12/15	Pat Roome	Planning Your Vegetable Garden	Very well done; 32 registrations and 17 attendees

12/16	Connie Sidles	Seagulls	Wonderful as always; 61 registrations and 49 attendees
12/20	Dale Lehman	J. Harlen Bretz and the Ice Age Floods	Wonderful—a preview for his Winter Qtr class—69 registrations and 59 attendees; after this seminar Dale opened his class and had 39 more students register for it! WOW!
12/22	Carla Barnes	China in Africa—an example of China's Belt and Road Policy	Very well done; 47 registrations and 37 attendees
12/30 (changed from 12/21)	Professor James Lin	Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Taiwan's Global (Re)Emergence Amidst US-China Tensions	Excellent; 58 registrations and 45 attendees

#### **IV. March Seminars that are Scheduled**

- 3/1 Japanese Ceramics by Carol Frankel
- 3/3 The Politics of Hong Kong by Prof. Simon Shen
- 3/7, 3/10 and 3/14 Taste of Telos—Preview for Spring Qtr
- 3/8 After the Blast: 40 Years of Lessons from Mt. St. Helens by Dr. Eric Wagner
- 3/15 The Emergence of Folk-Rock by John Jensen

3/17 KCLS Library Programs by Wendy Pender

3/22 Portland Public Sculptors: Monuments, Memorials and Statuary, 1900-2003 by Fred F. Poyner IV

3/24 Ranked Choice Voting by Lisa Ayrault

3/28 KCTS Events/Activities by Ron Dunlop, President of KCTS and Cascade Public Media

3/29 The History and Art of Bonsai by Bruce Williams

3/30 Woodpeckers: Talented Drummers of the Avian World by Connie Sidles

3/31 Food Insecurity by Issaquah Food Bank

**Now booking seminars for June 2022. Only one booked so far is:**

**6/15 Our Blue Planet: a review of the SAM exhibit by Andrea Smith-Clarke**

We had a discussion about the popularity of Decembers seminar and that if they had been in-person we would not have been able to accommodate the over 40 person attendance that we had for them. The largest room at North Campus would hold only 40 people. Sandi brought up the possibility of using an off-campus site should we go in person. Edie had looked before at Redmond Community Center that could accommodate probably 90-100. Arnie also suggested possibly using his synagogue at Crossroads which had been newly updated with sound and audio visual capability. Also could accommodate 90 or so. Will investigate both venues for suitability and price. This could give us some options when we go in-person.

The possibility of using off campus sites with larger venues also helps eliminates the “no-show” issue for popular seminars when we have to cut attendance at 40.

Even if in-person becomes an option, the speakers we select may be out of state or may elect to conduct the seminar on Zoom. We will always be able to provide that option.

#### IV. Possible Future Seminar/Classes

Assigned to	Topic	Speaker	Notes
Andrea	Our Blue Planet— overview of exhibit at SAM	Andrea Smith-Clarke	\$200 speaker fee; 6/15/22 at 10 AM
Andrea	Japanese Ceramics— Tea Bowls	Carol Frankel	\$200 speaker fee; 3/1/22 at 10 AM
Anne	Purdy Women--Freedom of Information--PLU		WA Women's Foundation \$500 grants
Anne	KCLS News and Happenings	Wendy Pender	No speaker fee; 3/17 at 12 Noon
Anne	Frye Art Museum Virtual Tour		
Anne	What's Upcoming with Cascade Media	KCTS channel 9	No speaker fee; 3/28 at 10 AM
Arnie	Bellevue Police Department		September??
Arnie	Bellevue Fire Department		June or September??
Chris	Energy Class	Rick Bodlaender	
Claudia	Campus Safety		Defer to when we return to North campus
Claudia	The Politics of Hong Kong	Prof. Somon Shen	No speaker fee; 3/3 at 12 Noon

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Chris	3-D Printing	Eric Zocher	to be demonstrated when in person seminars are permitted
Chris	Bills pending in Congress		
Chuck	Jackson School of International Studies		
Chuck	Washington State Legislature		

Chuck	Dept of Children, Youth, & Families	Ross Hunter??	
Chuck	Child Care	Suzan DelBene??	
Chuck	Burke Museum Virtual Tour		
Donna	After the Blast: 40 Years of Lessons from Mt. St. Helens	Dr. Eric Wagner	speaker fee paid for by Humanities WA; 3/8 at 10 AM
Donna	Woodpeckers: Talented Drummers of the Avian World	Connie Sidles	\$200 speaker fee; 3/30 at 10 AM
Donna	Portland Sculptors	Fred Poyner IV	\$200 speaker fee; 3/22 at 10 AM
Donna	Ranked Choice Voting	Lisa Ayrault	No speaker fee; 3/24 at 10 AM
Donna	The Emergence of Folk-Rock	John Jensen	\$200 speaker fee; 3/15 at 10 AM
Georgann	Jazz Music	Alex Dugdale	\$200 speaker fee; June??
Georgann	Bonsai Revisited	Bruce Williams	speaker fee \$200; 3/29 at 10 AM
Georgann	Turtles	Sheldon Plentovich	no speaker fee: June
Georgann	Food Insecurity	Issaquah Food Bank	no speaker fee: 3/31 at 10 AM
Jan	Facebook and Google Data Use		
Jan	<b>Climate Change—Evidence, Effect and Actions</b>	Fran Soloman	Spring Qtr?
Jan	<b>James A. Starkey Jr.</b>	We are Still Here: Looking Through Indigenous Eyes	Spring Qtr?
Jerry H	<b>A Comprehensive Overview of Wildland Fire Suppression 1919 to Gigafire of 2020</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>The Great Fires of 1919</b>	Bill Moody	in-person

Jerry H	<b>History of the US Forest Service Smoke Jumper Program</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>History of the Aerial Firefighting Airtanker and Helicopter Programs 1857-2020</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>The VLAT's--DC-10 and Boeing 747 Airtankers 2004-2020</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>The Air Attack Mission</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>The Carlton Complex Conflagration 2014</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jerry H	<b>A wildland fire related topic(s) of interest</b>	Bill Moody	in-person
Jim	<b>Folk Years Music-- Guthrie, Peter, Paul, &amp; Mary</b>	WSU Instructor	
	Physics Seminar	Oscar Vilches	in-person
	<b>Geology I</b>	Jon Koloski	in-person
	Gold Prospecting in Alaska	Jim Miller	in-person

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	Oil and Gas Pipelines	Jon Koloski	in-person
	Panama Canal Expansion	Jon Koloski	in-person
	Traffic Safety in Bellevue--Green Bikes	Franz Lusanherz or Andreas	
	<b>How Pirates Overthrew the British Establishment</b>	John	
	Influence the Choice (org)	Jerry Blackburn	Osher
	Addressing Race Relations in the 21st Century	Caprice Hollins	in-person
	"History of the Great American Songbook"	Amanda Wilde	in-person

Sandi	Calling Bullshit		
Sandi	Financial Relationship between US and China	Stewart Early/Bill Barnes	June???
Tim	Fishing Stories		
Tim	Facets of Opera	Stephen Wall	in-person

## **B = Class**

## **V. Old Business**

1. Paid speaker event with Alessandro Regio—raised \$960 for TELOS; 28 attended 1st session and 24 attended 2nd session;
2. There was some abbreviated CTCLink training for TELOS instructors however, many of the CTC elements are not available to TELOS instructors.
3. Due to instructor interest—Taste of Telos in December has been expanded from 2 to 3 dates.

4. Still need classes and seminars on the suggested topics :suggested are:

Music appreciation

Composers and their music

Orcas

Washington State—legislation agenda for 2022 and results

Bills pending in congress that are of interest to retirees

Health issues?

5. Spring Qtr classes most likely will be in-person; always subject to COVID concerns though.

6. Initiative on getting more TELOS instructors has been disappointing. Issues seem to be: being able to conduct fewer classes (4 sessions rather than 8 sessions); bureaucracy at BC; BC staff turnover; limited communications and coordination at BC; pay for some



7. No TSO Curriculum Committee meeting was held in December. Instead, we had a very nice social event at Anthony's Home Port in Kirkland, organized by Jan Reha. It was nice to see everyone!

## **VI. New Business**

1. Ted Watts and TSO Council still pushing getting the \$5 enrollment fee back for TELOS classes. Will be discussing at 1/26 TSO Council meeting.
2. Depending on the ability to get the \$5 fee back, how should we raise money so that we can continue to offer the seminars to our community and have business meetings?
3. Bellevue College now scheduling Winter Qtr classes on Fridays as well as later in March so complicates our seminar schedule; may have to conduct seminars at 12 noon rather than 10 AM; will affect Club activities as well which are scheduled for Fridays; will be looking at the possibly rescheduling these events for March and going forward; will update the March Seminar calendar to reflect the Winter Qtr schedule. Plan to ask BC about this at the TSO Council meeting on 1/26.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm

**VIII. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is tentatively **Thursday, February 17, 2021 at 3:30 pm on Zoom**

Submitted by Donna Oberembt, acting Secretary