

## TSO COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 3:30 p.m., Room 1125

Present: Jerry Bunce, President; Carla Barnes, Steven Denison, Tim Hay, Diane Kester, Ron Lebeiko, Bryan Leyton, Paul Maffeo, Jim Maynard, Alexa Munoz, Chris Steele, Ted Watts

Absent: Virginia Binder, Stanley Habib, Sandi Medendorp

Staff: Hristo "Chris" Stoynov

Guests: Joanne Gainen, Chuck Kimbrough, Donna Oberembt, Carole Maynard

Minutes: Bryan Leyton moved and Steven Denison seconded that the Minutes of June 20, 2018, be approved as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Reports from Officers**

President: Jerry Bunce

1. The President will give a presentation to the Board of Trustees at their September 5, 2018, meeting during comments from the public.
2. Ata Karim, Vice President of Student Affairs, indicated TELOS will remain in the Department of Continuing Education.
3. The President has drafted a lengthy list of talking points which still needs revision. He will email the revised list to Council members.
4. Since the news that fees will be increased to \$99 for Winter quarter 2018; \$125 for Spring quarter 2019; and \$139 for Summer quarter 2019 has reached TELOS students, the President has drafted a letter to TELOS students concerning these increases. The letter needs further editing, and then will be sent to the student body. Steven Denison moved and Carla Barnes seconded the motion to send the letter within a week. The motion passed unanimously.
5. TSO is exploring opportunities to partner within the TELOS program. Possibilities are OSHER or Programs affiliated with the University of Washington which has branches locally. Other senior programs with unified management are being investigated.
6. The Dean of Student Life, Michael Kaptic, objected to the name change, and to date has not responded to the President's request for further dialogue on the name change issue.

Vice President: Tim Hay

The Vice President has drafted a letter to TELOS students requesting students to contact the Council if they have any contacts with college officials or anyone serving on the College Board of Trustees.

Treasurer: Ron Lebeiko

1. Expenses for 2017 were \$6,100 with 20% of the expenses spent on printing.
2. The current balance is \$18,662.

### **Reports from Committees**

The President nominated Chris Steele to Chair the Curriculum Committee; Steve Denison to Chair the Events Committee; and Jim Maynard to Chair the Strategic Planning Committee. Diane Kester moved and Bryan Leyton seconded the motion to approve these appointments. The committee chairs were approved by a unanimous vote.

Curriculum Committee: Chris Steele

1. Friday is the Curriculum Committee meeting, and scheduled to be at the meeting are two new instructors, one proposing a virtual reality class and the other economics courses.
2. Two between quarter seminars are scheduled: John Wilson on December 4 and Richard Fernandez on August 30.

Events Committee: Steven Denison

Planning for the picnic is nearing completion.

Strategic Planning: Jim Maynard

1. Conducted a survey of other senior programs and generally found:
  - a. OSHER classes are held for 4 weeks rather than TELOS 8 week period.
  - b. Tuition is \$45 for 4 weeks with a few at \$50 for 4 weeks.
2. Specific college programs are:
  - a. Edmonds Community College; Creative Retirement Institute charges a yearly fee of \$20 for classes of 4 to 5 weeks duration.
  - b. Western Washington University at Bellingham's senior program is in overall continuing education, and has 4 week classes for 64 members who are over 60 or older. The charge is \$5 per class.
  - c. Other colleges—none of whom have any senior programs—generally allow age 60+ to attend classes for \$5, which is state law.
  - d. Ohio State University's 60+ program is open to participants with a \$35 membership fee that allows attendance at any course that has open seats.
3. Redmond Community Center near Marymoor Park is an optional location where inter-quarter seminars can be held for a nominal fee.

Community Outreach: Joanne Gainen

1. A summary report on the March survey of TSO contacts is in the current *Telescope* issue. Findings include:
  - a. About 36% of students on the TSO contact list responded, with an additional 72 respondents from Continuing Education's all-TELOS email list;
  - b. Eighty-one percent take classes primarily from TELOS and over 50% have been taking TELOS courses for three years or more;
  - c. The mailed BCCE catalogue is the most-used source for class information followed by the TELOS and TSO websites;
  - d. About 80% of respondents rated their TELOS classes as Excellent or Very Good;
  - e. About 70% have attended TSO programs such as Coffee & Wisdom and Interim Seminars;
  - f. About 88% of TSO participants rate their experiences Excellent or Very Good;
  - g. Respondents appreciate the variety and quality of both the class offerings and TSO activities.
  - h. Greatest potential for increased TSO participation appears to be in three areas:
    1. Seminars (42 more indicated future participation than current participation);
    2. Clubs (59 more future than current);
    3. Off-site activities (60 more future than current)
  - i. Comments were almost entirely positive for both TELOS and TSO, with constructive suggestions for both organizations.
2. A summary of the report is available on the TSO website in the *Welcome* page section under "Student Views and Contributions"

Old Business: None

### **New Business**

1. Ron Lebeiko is arranging to video the first TELOS organizers as part of documenting the TELOS historical legacy. There were no other volunteers.
2. The by-law revision, that proposed optional adherence to Bellevue College rules for TSO, was tabled.
3. Chris Steele stated the business cards which give TELOS class information, and TSO special event, seminar, and meetings information need revision. No action was taken.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Alexa Munoz, Secretary