

College for Seniors  
Curriculum Committee  
Minutes of April 17, 2008

Absent: Anita Beal, Jan Breitman, Jorgen Rasmussen, Bob Rust, George Seifert, Alvie Young

1. Minutes of the March 20 meeting were read and amended, as follows:

Item 9 on page 3: Marti Rasmussen (note corrected name) volunteered to follow up on a suggestion for a speaker for the investment course.

The minutes were approved as amended.

2. Carol Phillips presented an update on the Osher grant application process. Originally, the grant was limited to one program per state. Since the University of Iowa received it, Iowa State University had not made an application. That limitation has since been removed, and the Osher Foundation contacted ISU directly to initiate an application to meet the May deadline for 2008.

Advantages of applying for this grant are that it will provide a huge subsidy of \$300,000 to \$1 million and that membership fees will provide additional support and a stable mailing list.

Drawbacks are that the College for Seniors name must be changed, that a membership fee must be assessed, and that a minimum of 500 members must be maintained. These changes can also be seen as beneficial, so the Board will pursue the application process immediately with local grant writers.

3. Sam Wormley conducted a discussion of the status of courses proposed for Fall 2008. (See the grid on the Web site for course numbers, times, instructors, etc.)

- e Courses numbered 1-13 are now set. Since Jan Breitman was absent, Marti Rasmussen agreed to confirm the status of the Calligraphy course with the instructor, and Carol Phillips will do the same for #14 "Fruit of the Vine".
- e Course #2 "US Presidential Campaigns" still needs a local Republican to add to its resources.
- e Course #15 "Industry Tour" needs a shepherd to replace Alvie Young.
- e The title of Course #16 (offered at Wesley Acres in Des Moines) has been changed to "Listening to Music: Beyond the Sound".
- e Course #12 "ISU Athletic History" has expanded to 8 weeks and will meet Thursday mornings in the Athletics conference room.
- e JoAnn Brown will provide details for course #17 "Exploring the Internet" before the catalog deadline of May 15.

4. Courses to be offered in Des Moines in Fall 2008 were discussed briefly.

- e Bill LaGrange will follow up with Keith Carlson about a course on Mark Twain and other humorists.
- e Carol Phillips will explore offering other courses at the Lodge at Ashworth.

5. Courses for Winter 2009 were next considered. (See the grid on the Web site.)

- e Courses #1 and #2 were approved.
- e Course #3 “Story of Railroads” needs a shepherd on the committee. Dave Utrata at ISU was suggested as instructor.
- e Course #4 “Ames Authors” was offered before by Roger Volker. Suggestions of authors to include are Deb Marquardt, Mary Swander, and Elizabeth Bunce (writing as Stephanie Coons). Ames Library maintains a list of Ames authors. The course needs a shepherd to organize it.
- e Course #5 “Literature” taught by Henry Campbell was approved in principle without any details at hand yet.
- e Bill LaGrange suggested “Ames Water Supply” for course #6.
- e A writing workshop was suggested for a future semester, but nothing was confirmed.
- e Former committee member Annette Rowley presented a list of course suggestions also.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be on Thursday, May 15, at 1:30 PM in the Gold Room of the ISU Foundation.

The Fall course Preview will be on August 21.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Matthies