

**Minutes of the College for Seniors Curriculum Committee  
October 16, 2008, Horton Conference Room**

Members Absent: Jan Breitman, Laurent Hodges, Doug Finnemore, Phyllis Crouse

Carol Alexander Phillips opened the meeting by welcoming all present. Introductions followed.

It was noted that the start dates for each session/semester are printed on the grid of classes in the “Time and Days of the Week” section at the bottom of each page. The dates for Winter 2009 are January 12-February 2. The dates for Spring 2009 are March 23-May 11.

The dates that catalog copy is due in Jan Breitman’s office are printed on each page of the class grids and also appear at the bottom of the meeting agenda. Winter catalog copy is due November 15. Spring catalog copy is due December 15. **If shepherds cannot submit final copy to Jan by the due date, they are to contact Jan.**

Minutes of the 9/11/08 meeting were approved as submitted.

Sam Wormley guided us through the review of the class grids. Classes that are held in the Reiman Family Ballroom are to be scheduled on Mondays or Tuesdays unless all of the time slots are full. The room is rented by College for Seniors, and we want to fill the four time slots for each day before any additional space is rented. Classes held in other locations can be on other days of the week, but preferably not in conflict with the Monday/Tuesday class times.

**Winter 09, January 12-February 2—Catalog copy due November 15**

- 01 Home Computer Security. The course is ready.
- 02 Going Green. The name has been changed to “Making Green Choices.” There was discussion as to whether the course should be four weeks in Winter or eight weeks in Spring. It was concluded that four weeks in winter session would be the better choice.
- 03 Story of Railroads. The name is now “American Railway Stories.” Martha Rasmussen reported she now has more information/speakers than needed for a four-week course, but scheduled the 4-week course on Tuesday at 3:00 during the winter term. It was suggested that a more extensive or follow-up course could be developed for Fall 09.
- 04 Travels and Travails of George Washington. This course is ready and was put in the 1:00 Tuesdays time slot.
- 05 A Literary Landscape of Iowa Literature. The course was assigned the 11:00 Tuesdays time slot.
- 06 Art Beyond the Museum. This class is ready. Shepherd Anita Beal will not be in Iowa during the Winter session and a class assistant will be needed to introduce speakers, etc. This class assistant can be one of the students that is registered for the class. **Everyone please remember that this class assistant needs to be appointed.**
- 07 Ames Water Supply. Bill LaGrange reported that he has not had satisfactory response from any contacts. The committee made suggestions for additional contacts.
- 08 Cooking for One. Phyllis Crouse was out of town. Her written report stated that she has been in contact with Marge Junkhan at Cook’s Emporium, but there are no definite plans at this time. Phyllis will continue to pursue options for this course.
- 11 Poker. Carol A. Phillips will contact Andy Terry.
- 12 Computer Courses. JoAnn Brown reported that at this time, there are no definite plans for Winter computer courses. A course on Working with Digital Pictures (Editing, Arranging) would be a good option, but an instructor is needed. There was no waiting list for the

Fall 08 Beginning and Intermediate computer classes. The current enrollment indicates there is not a need for these classes to be repeated in winter session.

**Spring 09 March 23-May 11—Catalog copy due December 15**

- 01 Both sections a and b are ready.
- 02 Issues in Women's History. Dorothy Schweider needs to be contacted by Clair Keller to complete a course proposal form.
- 03 Spring Geology. Bill LaGrange will contact C. Vondra to set a time for the class..
- 04 Digital Photography (Beginning). Class is ready.
- 05 Digital Photography (Advanced). Class is ready.
- 07 Middle East. Don Lambert is working on this. It's a "probably going to take place" class.
- 09 Watercolor. A course proposal is needed, or the proposal/description from previous years can be used. Jan Breitman will make contact.
- 10 What is There? Class is ready.
- 11 Cold War's Spy Wars. Class is ready.
- 12 Industry Tour. Class is ready. Larry Mitchell will assist Don Lambert with organization (because Larry really, really wants to be in that class). The class will meet on Thursdays at 1:30, pending approval by the industries to be visited.
- 13 Ames Authors. Anita Beal will have everything in place for this class. She will not be in Iowa and **will need a class assistant appointed from the list of students who register for the class.**

Bridge. Andy Terry will be contacted by Carol Phillips. Andy has raised the question of whether or not it is time to use someone else to teach the bridge classes. Another thought expressed was that maybe bridge classes should be offered every other semester rather than every semester, though that schedule wouldn't allow all five levels to be offered each academic year.

Computer classes. JoAnn Brown will arrange classes after it is determined what version of Microsoft Office will be on the computers and what instructors are available for Spring.

Bill Boon has offered to teach a class in the Spring 09 session.

Sam Worley read a report from Jan Breitman (she could not attend the meeting), and he will send the report by e-mail to all committee members.

Class enrollment for this Fall 09 session is 535 class registrations. Total membership is 454 (some students are registered for more than one class). Of the 28 people on the College for Seniors Board of Directors and committees, 15 are members. The other 13 are encouraged to pay the membership fee of \$25.00.

Jan Breitman is in the process of hiring a part-time assistant who will have the ISU classification of "program coordinator."

Carol A. Phillips presented an idea given to her of having a sub-committee made up of people from the Des Moines area to provide quality experiences for people in that area. Discussion followed with no conclusions reached.

**The next meeting is November 20, 2008 at 2:00.**

Respectfully submitted

JoAnn Brown