

Minutes of the Curriculum Committee 10-15-09

Members present: Don Lambert, Bill LaGrange, Clair Keller, Jerilyn Logue, Carol Phillips, Sam Wormley, Doug Finnemore, Jan Breitman, Frank Rizzo, Larry Mitchell, and Bob Telleen

Members Absent: JoAnn Brown, Anita Beal, Shirley Shaw, Phyllis Crouse, Laurent Hodges, and John McHenry

Changes in the agenda and minutes were discussed and approved.
Jan announced that we have 628 members.

Report on OLLI Conference in Utah:

Jan announced that Osher was giving an additional \$25,000 for the current year. Jerilyn discussed a film about the Osher Foundation and its origins. There was a busy schedule with sessions all day and there was a heavy emphasis on marketing at the meeting. There are no two OLLIs alike. Some did more peer lead discussion, some paid the speakers, some partner with Community Colleges, and the sizes of OLLIs range from 1400 to 300. The entire University of California system got a \$25 million endowment. Jan mentioned a motto, "Learning Never Retires." The conference is a good place to get ideas.

Report on the Osher Talks: The fall term schedule is set. There was discussion of a winter term talk on electronic gizmos by the Best Buy person. Carl Vondra has agreed to give a talk about geology related to the Ardipithecus Ramidus skeleton discovery, and another person has been asked to talk about bones and anthropology of the find. Several other suggestions are in the hopper.

There was an extended discussion of V. V. Raman's visit to campus from Nov. 10 to April 7 by Frank Rizzo. He may give a 4 week course and an Osher Lecture in early spring term.

Grid Discussion for Winter 2010:

W10-1 Home Computer Security is a go.

W10-2 Carol Phillips is organizing a follow-on to energy and climate change course.

W10-3 Use of a Mackintosh is a go

W10-4 If History is a go.

W10-5 Jorgen Rasmussen's Gov't of Law or People is a go.

W10-6 Great Questions is a go.

W10-7 Keith Carlson's Poetry course is a go.

W10-8 Michael Brechler's Technology frustration course is no a single lecture

W10-9 Susan Lucke's Writing Course is a go.

W10-10 the Iowa Artists course is a go

W10-11 The cooking for one or two is a go

W10-12 VV Raman's Course is a go for Thurs from 3 to 4:30 pm.

The Winter Term dates run from Jan 19 to Feb. 11.

Grid Discussion for Spring 2010:

S10-1a & 1b Great Decisions is a go for both Ames and Des Moines.

S10-2 Visual Thinking is still a maybe. Jerilyn will follow-up.

S10-3 Copernicus to the Big Bang by Sam Wormley is a go

S10-4 Opera course was not discussed.

S10-19 Bridge may be dropped for a term.

Carl Vondra's course will change from Plate Techtonics to a Geology course.

There was discussion of a geography course. Don Lambert will follow-up

Kirk Daddow will be approached about teaching a course.

Carol Phillips will follow-up with a Living Healthier course.

There was a discussion of Great Questions by Frank Rizzo and the use of The Teaching Company material for courses.

Don Lambert discussed the Industries Tour course,

Larry Mitchell and others discussed the representation of Des Moines people on the Curriculum Committee, the use of Edgewater Retirement Home as a venue, and the general problem of courses in DSM.

Respectfully submitted,

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