

**Class of 2026**

Colet Allen
Mary Devlin
Ann Magill

Class of 2027

Myrna Hall
John Schuyler
Sarah Tisch

Class of 2028

Fernando Gapasin
Tony Davis
Tom Woosnam

2025-2026 Council Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025
Campbell Center, Room A
3:30-5:30 pm

Council: John Schuyler, Colet Allen, Tony Davis, Mary Devlin, Fernando Gapasin, Ann Magill, Sarah Tisch, Tom Woosnam, Heather Inghram **On Zoom:** Myrna Hall

Committee Chairs: Anne Coleman, Karla Langland, Rebecca Jurta **On Zoom:** Dwight Wilson, Lorraine Vail, Ginny Blankinship

Members and Staff: Megan Rutherford, Dan Dawson

1. The meeting was called to order by President Schuyler at 3:34 PM
2. The agenda was approved with flexibility: Dan Dawson was moved to earlier in the agenda (Davis, Allen).
3. The minutes from the Council Meeting of June 11, 2025, were approved (Tisch, McGill)
4. Reports
 - A. President's Report – John Schuyler
 - 1) As of today, 237 members have signed up for the 2025-26 year.
 - 2) Council members are encouraged to pick up catalogs and rack cards when available.
 - 3) Last year around 700 people attended the Open House. All are encouraged to attend.
 - B. Treasurer's Report — Myrna Hall
 - 1) There will be a report in September or October depending on when last year's financials are closed.
 - C. Administrative Director's Report – Heather Ingraham
 - 1) Report stands.
 - 2) Heather met with Janet Fratella. Working with Tracy Palermini, they are developing a streamlined financial reporting template. Heather and Tracy will meet in August with the Executive Committee
 - D. Standing Committees & Other Reports
 - 1) Communications - Sarah Tisch
 - a) The course catalog has been streamlined to 64 pages due to a concerted effort by the course catalog work team.
 - 2) Curriculum – Anne Coleman and Ginny Blankinship
 - a) Report stands.
 - b) The next New Instructor Orientation will be August 30.
 - c) Instructor staffing for the Open House tables are complete.
 - d) Instructors are being sought to teach French and ASL.

- 3) Fundraising — Dwight Wilson
 - a) Report stands.
 - b) Fundraising exceeded its 2024-25 goal. The goal for 2025-26 has been revised upward to \$90K.
- 4) Leadership Development and Recruitment – John Schuyler
 - a) John encouraged Council to look at the great Volunteer Spotlight interviews on YouTube that are being developed.
 - b) There will be another Leadership Academy course this year.
- 5) Membership - Colet Allen
 - a) Acquiring of donations for door prizes at the Open House is going nicely.
- 6) Programs & Activities – Karla Langland
 - a) Getting proposals for presentations, including a local vegetable garden tour.
- 7) Travel Pilot Project - Rebecca Jurta and Myrna Hall
 - a) Overview of current pilot programs' status.
 - b) It is taking quite a while to get risk management information for the proposed overseas tours in 2026.
 - c) Risk assessment is also needed for the Walla Walla winery trip. Since it is a regional trip, approval by SOU's risk management team should be completed quicker than that of the international trips.
- 8) Venue and Technology - Loraine Vail
 - a) Report stands.
5. Filling of Vacant Director Position

Jane Ballback resigned from the OLLI Council, creating a vacancy.

 - A. **MOTION:** I move that the LDRC provides a nominee to fill the vacant director position. (Devlin / Magill)
 - B. **MOTION:** I move that the remaining directors vote on the nominee brought forward. Fernando Gapasin. (Magill / Allen)

Fernando was congratulated on becoming a Council Director, filling out the remainder of Jane Fallback's term.
6. Old Business — none
7. New Business
 - A. Review of Parliamentary Procedures – Sarah Tisch
 - 1) Sarah, in her role as Vice-President, led the review.
 - B. Talent Maker City Pilot Program
 - 1) Heather Inghram gave an overview of a proposed OLLI – Talent Maker City project. OLLI members would take Talent Maker City classes like ceramics in the “Visual Arts” subject area. One challenge for OLLI is the limited size of classes. Another is finances. Lorraine Vail pointed out that our policy IX.K.7 has OLLI covering the cost of the venue. She suggested we maintain the current policy and have the OLLI program pay a portion of the student fee as the facility rental. This would reduce the total cost per OLLI member and would happen during the pilot phase until ongoing funding could be secured.
 - 2) While Council members were excited about the prospect of classes at Talent Maker City, additional work is needed on the financial structure of the project.
 - 3) President Schuyler requested a copy of the pilot to look at it in detail. Tony Davis asked what makes this project special and what the advantages of doing it are.
 - C. Strategic Plan 2030 Exercise — Schuyler
 - 1) President Schuyler wants to keep the 2030 Strategic Plan in front of the Council this year. To start determining this year's priorities, there was an exercise where directors and committee chairs chose the priorities from the plan to focus on. He will share the results at the next meeting in September.
 - D. Instructor-Led Travel Pilot – Coleman and Inghram

1) A group of popular instructors were asked for local/regional travel ideas. Instructors would work with Go Ahead Travel to see how it could work.

2) Dan Dawson proposes a wine/wineries trip in the Walla Walla area November 3-7, 2025. Participants would travel to Walla Walla on their own, then Dan has hired a tour company for group travel. The trip would last four nights and three days at a cost of \$1730 each for a double or \$1950/single.

3) Dan has put a lot of thought and work into his proposal. A flyer about the trip is under development.

8. Additional Remarks

A. Next meeting September 16, 3:30-5:30 pm

9. Adjournment

A. Adjourn - 5:19 PM