



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
February 17, 2026
Campbell Center, Room A
3:30-5:30 pm**

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

Committee and Team Chairs: Karla Langland, MaryBeth Limpert, Anne Coleman, Dwight Wilson

Absent: Ginny Blankinship, Rebecca Jurta, Lorraine Vail

Members and Staff: Megan Rutherford, Linda Powell. **Absent:** Heather Inghram

1. The meeting was called to order by President Schuyler at 3:33 PM
2. The agenda was approved with flexibility (Hall, Tisch)
3. The minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting were approved (Davis, Allen).
4. Reports
 - A. President’s Report – John Schuyler
 - 1) Schuyler thanked all who participated in the volunteer fair and art exhibit. It was a great turnout with follow-up by envoys contacting prospective volunteers. Tom pointed out the need for both a setup and takedown team. More handcarts for moving chairs or a work order to SOU Facilities would be helpful in the future. The art attracted many. Some who came didn’t stop to register, were there for the art, so it became important to have them sign in.
 - 2) The annual member survey will be sent out early April, including questions about travel program. Also, it will include questions about pricing models, which past president Laura Simonds has been researching through other OLLI’s.
 - B. Treasurer’s Report – Myrna Hall
 - 1) Hall thanked Tracy Palermi for preparing the four-page Q2 financial report. Page 1 shows account balances as of Dec 31. Page 2: Operating fund review. In Q2, we received \$903 income from travel.
 - 2) Each standing committee and team has been informed of their FY26 budget versus spending in Q2. Committees spent an average of 50% of their budgets, trending on target with what was expected.
 - 3) Membership has grown to 1,775.
 - C. Administrative Director’s Report – Heather Inghram
 - 1) Since Inghram is on vacation, Schuyler expanded on her written report. Regarding the financial challenges at SOU, the university is short \$4 million in the short-term and needs \$15 million to get through to July 2027 (the current biennium). President Bailey is asking the governor and legislature for help. President Bailey has been transparent in sharing the progress with staff, faculty, students, and the community.

D. Standing Committees & Other Reports

1) Communications – Fernando Gapasin

- a) Fernando asked if the executive committee had addressed raising funds through ads. Tisch said this was not discussed during the recent meeting. Council then discussed the pros and cons of ads and/or additional sponsors as a revenue source. We decided that it deserves more thought and investigation; but for now, no one with the skill to pursue this has been identified. As an example, perhaps some sponsors giving smaller amount to OLLI could have their logo posted on the catalog, and not a major ad like those for Asante and Rogue Valley Manor. Allen said when delivering catalogs, her dentist said they would contribute.
- b) Jim Burns, new committee member and former LA Times reporter, will be writing for the Communications Committee.

2) Curriculum – Anne Coleman

- a) Report stands.

3) Events – MaryBeth Limpert

- a) Report stands.

4) Finance Committee – Myrna Hall

- a) Hall says that the finance committee, in order to assure stability, has begun evaluating OLLI's financial future. Simonds and Inghram attended an NRC webinar regarding pricing Models. Hall will attend a related webinar on Effective Ways to Generate Revenue.

5) Fundraising – Dwight Wilson

- a) Report stands. Wilson remarked that we are down 20 or so donations from 2025, but no real concerns due to the upcoming spring mailing. Inghram and Schuyler are scheduled to meet with significant donors.

6) LDRC – Sarah Tisch

- a) Report stands. Leadership Academy went well. Will contact attendees now to see what their interest is in volunteering. To see "what's behind the curtain for the first time" makes for time to reflect on how much they want to volunteer. Schuyler says they need to find their niche.

7) Membership – Colet Allen

- a) Report stands.

8) Musical (OOOF) Lorraine Vail

- a) Vail is absent but reports that OOOF is coming along well.

9) Programs & Activities – Karla Langland

- a) Report stands, Langland asked when to submit questions for this year's membership survey. Schuyler replied to send in comments by the end of March.

10) Travel Pilot Program – Rebecca Jurta

- a) Jurta absent. Hall expressed enthusiasm about local trips coming up: Oregon Caves tour with Susan Densmore. Bald Eagle trip filling, as are others. These regional excursions serve as an alternate revenue source and are a great way for OLLI members to get together outside the classroom setting.

5. Old Business

A. Bylaws Revision (Schuyler)

- 1) Schuyler shared timeline of bylaw revisions. Janet Fratella has reviewed and approved through version 6. Note that the 30-day date for bylaw revision announcement is on or about April 5 to coincide with announcement of candidate forum on May 6.
- 2) After our membership approves bylaws, we may be looking at realigning committees (per the rewrite). Discussion followed how this process will occur. Schuyler indicated that former bylaws provided names for committees but did not identify the function of each.

B. Security Monitoring Plan (Tisch)

- 1) Ad Hoc committee met Feb 11. Good team participation, consisting of Council members Colet Allen, Tony Davis, Tom Woosnam, John Schuyler, Sarah Tisch, and others, including Larry Hunter, Tyson Mueller. SOU representation consists of OLLI director Heather Inghram and Campus Public Safety director Robert Gibson.
- 2) The group agreed to find templates for what to do when emergency incidents arise. Code of conduct will be reviewed and posted in classrooms. By mid-March, Hunter and Davis will research emergency procedures at SOU and other venues. Tisch will research what instructors want. Allen and Mueller will interview stakeholders at rental venues to learn of

existing policies. The committee will develop a plan with guidelines for various scenarios. By May, Council we will have a draft plan. Hall complimented Tisch on report.

- 3) Gapasin asked how this concern arose. Tisch explained that it followed vandalism to our irrigation system. A subsequent incident at the Campbell Center indicated a need for a comprehensive security plan. Remarks followed that it was a good time to clear up a “gray area.”

C. Council Director Election Process:

- 1) Schuyler shared calendar of events. Starting in March, a call for Council candidates is being made via the Newsflash. Other key dates include the review of the proposed ballot at the April 21 Council meeting; the candidate forum on May 6; the election from May 12-20, and results shared May 25. If candidates did not attend Leadership Academy, a director orientation will take place.

7. Additional Remarks: None

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:32, and thanks to Megan Rutherford for running Zoom.