



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

**Minutes
2025-26 Council Meeting
April 21, 2026
3:30-5:30 pm
Campbell Center, Room C**

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, Rebecca Jurta, MaryBeth Limpert, Lorraine Vail, Ginny Blankinship **Absent:** Dwight Wilson

Members and Staff: Heather Inghram, Megan Rutherford.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Schuyler at 3:33 PM. Schuyler reminded us that Earth Day is tomorrow, with the first one in 1970.
2. Approval of the Agenda with Flexibility.
 - a. **Motion** (Tisch, Gapasin): I move to withdraw agenda motion under 5.a.2 (Bylaw Article III) due to possible unintended impacts of the proposed Bylaws changes.
 - b. Discussion: This action will result in the Bylaw revision language that was approved as version 6 at the January Council meeting being presented to membership for a vote. As we now have four viable council candidates in accordance with the Bylaws, there is no need for further changes. A brief discussion ensued that in the future we are likely to be able to find council candidates through the “courtship” process and to begin seeking possible candidates long before spring. Tisch indicated we need to go beyond Leadership Academy for promoting candidates. Davis says problem could arise again, in which case we may have to deal with issue again. Hall says a backup plan such as 5.a.2 is worth noting. Tisch says since it’s a member-driven organization, we need to encourage members to be involved in finding candidates. Inghram shared that the vacancy clause could be used, if necessary; while Schuyler said that another option is to have members “confirm” rather than elect directors, should we not have enough candidates. Motion PASSED

3. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2026, Council Meeting (Tisch, Davis): Motion PASSED

4. Reports

A. President's Report—John Schuyler

Schuyler announced that we now have 1,958 members, over the goal of 1,922. The Annual Membership Meeting will be June 1 from 2-4 p.m. in Stevenson Union (per revised calendar).

1. How do items get on agenda? Any council member may bring up a proposed agenda item. Execs meet a week before council to look at items and decide which ones need motions and which ones only require discussion. Committee chairs, co-chairs, or liaisons may also submit prospective agenda items.
2. Schuyler also shared with us an image of fundraising tiled artwork used near Tucson. Vail pointed out that the Giving Garden mural in our member's lounge is also a fundraising piece of art done by OLLI members. A plaque on adjoining wall shows all people who donated toward that \$5,000.
3. Schuyler also commended the many who helped stage the huge and successful OOOOF theatre event. Inghram noted that half of the expenses for this event went back to SOU.

B. Treasurer's Report—Myrna Hall. Nothing this month, while looking forward to the May report.

C. Administrative Director's Report—Heather Inghram. Report stands, but she had questions about Deloitte report, which should be out by next week and shared in the second week of May. We were provided with a feedback link to submit our comments. We are a self-sustaining auxiliary program, but we also support the university in specific ways. Inghram says there is a cancellation clause in our contract with Osher Foundation. Schuyler says that the Osher National Resource Center serves as a buffer between the SOU Foundation and OLLI. Hall asks if there are impacts from other college campuses with relationship to OLLI. Inghram says that OLLI at Florida International University recently ended. There are now 124 OLLI programs nationally—one fewer. Schuyler notes the lifelong learning column about OLLI in [Ashland.news](#), which also has coverage of situation with SOU and Deloitte.

D. Standing Committees and Other Reports

- a. Communications—Fernando Gapasin. Report, which Gapasin said was generated with the AI companion within Zoom, stands. Gapasin was concerned about what role the Communications Committee would play should there be any changes to OLLI's pricing model. Since this topic is still being addressed by the Finance Committee, there is no impact to Communications at this time. Inghram shared the recommendation from the NRC that changes to price modeling be shared nine months prior to implementation. This topic will be on the May agenda with better definition of the task ahead and the recommendation to form an ad hoc committee. Actual changes to the pricing model won't go into effect until the 2027-28 fiscal year.

And finally, Devlin, expressed concern that Gapasin's report was written by AI and asked that it's important to disclose when AI is used.

- b. Curriculum—Ginny Blankinship: Report stands. Ginny added that of the course proposal form has been streamlined due to positive input from Rutherford and Inghram. Fall proposals will be due in May.
 - c. Events team—MaryBeth Limpert. Report stands.
 - d. Finance—Myrna Hall. Hall shared concerns with the tasks of the price modeling ad hoc committee. As part of their work, she would like them to look at the three membership fee discounts. Inghram reiterated that more information will be shared during the May council meeting. For example, we will want to survey certain groups, including instructors.
 - e. Fundraising—Colet Allen. Report stands. Allen noted that the benefit performance of “A Man for All Seasons” by the Collaborative Theater Project (April 19) was canceled due to cast members' illness. If we want to purchase future tickets, mention OLLI and a portion of the ticket price will be donated to OLLI.
 - f. Leadership Development & Recruitment—Sarah Tisch. Report stands.
 - g. Membership—Colet Allen. Report stands.
 - h. Musical (OOOF)—Lorraine Vail. Thanks everyone for a grand event. Ninety-seven people were involved in its production, and over 400 attended -- so the event involved 500 people!
 - i. Programs & Activities—Karla Langland. Report stands. Notes that registration for one-time events will be done same as with SIGs. Includes people signed up at beginning of academic year or anytime thereafter.
 - j. Travel Pilot Program—Rebecca Jurta. Report stands. Noted that Denise Rucks will be replacing Rebecca as scribe.
 - k. Venue and Technology—Lorraine Vail. Report stands.
5. Old Business
- a. Update to the Bylaws—John Schuyler.
 - i. Discussion: There was no need for any further discussion as this topic was fully covered when the modified agenda was passed.
 - b. Council Director Election—Sarah Tisch.
 - i. Discussion: Tisch presented a review of the four Council Director candidates and ballot language. May 6 is the Candidate Forum at the Campbell Center, with the election May 12-20. Paper ballots will be made available as needed. Election results will be announced on May 25. At the Annual Members Meeting (Monday June 1), the new directors will be introduced.
 - ii. **Motion** (Tisch, Hall): I move to approve the list of Council Director Candidates and ballot language for 2026 as presented. Motion PASSED

6. New Business

a. Capital improvements—John Schuyler

i. Discussion: In accordance with the all-member survey, OLLI is looking at possible improvements in the Campbell Center. Vail led group through a proposed list of projects and their costs. One item discussed was for stairs from parking lot 16 to the Campbell Center. While a ramp would be nice for ADA access, research indicates a prohibitive cost. Vail stressed that these capital improvements are separate from membership fee and Tisch agreed it was important to communicate that as we move forward.

ii. **Motion** (Tisch, Davis): I move that we establish an amount not to exceed \$100,000 based on actual and expected costs for capital improvements. Motion PASSED

b. Rogue Valley Manor and Talent Maker City Renewals (Inghram). Inghram pointed out that the Venue Utilization Report demonstrates how well we are accommodating classes.

Also, the percent of courses with waitlists decreased.

i. TMC Discussion: We piloted classes at this venue for the 2025-26 term. Respondents attending classes at TMC said they'd be willing to pay slightly more for these classes. An evaluation conducted by Vail recommends that we consider renewing these partnerships.

ii. **Motion** (Magill, Tisch): I move that Council approve renewal of the Talent Maker City partnership for 2026-27 for a minimum of 15 courses with some flexibility. Motion PASSED

iii. RVM Discussion: 2025-26 was the second year of a formal partnership with courses onsite at the Rogue Valley Manor. Inghram shared that RVM enrollment is not as strong as before. Good news is that OLLI was featured in the RVM magazine "Hilltopics." Inghram suggested some modifications to next year's agreement: OLLI could provide an instructor for a single presentation open to residents and members, which may appeal to RVM. Course rosters show that Ashland members travel to the Manor for courses. There is no rental fee at RVM and they provide onsite tech support and free parking. Inghram continues to request a liaison to work with RVM specifically.

iv. **Motion** (Magill, Gapasin): I move that Council approve renewal of the Rogue Valley Manor partnership for 2026-27 for a minimum of nine offerings. Motion PASSED

7. Additional remarks: None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.