ADVISORY COUNCIL

Member participation in OLLI at UNT is of great interest to the Osher Foundation and to the Advisory Council as it works to meet the challenges of the Foundation's recent grant to UNT. The Advisory Council recently amended the OLLI at UNT Policies and Procedures (formerly Bylaws of the Emeritus College) to help meet these challenges as well as to provide more opportunities for members to become involved in the life and conduct of the program.

The OLLI at UNT Advisory Council is made up of nine (9) persons elected from the general membership (five elected in even numbered years and four in odd numbered years). Terms of service are two years, with the possibility of serving a second consecutive term. Persons being nominated will be asked to provide a brief statement indicating their interest, their experience with OLLI at UNT (and the Emeritus College) and their willingness to serve. Persons making a nomination are encouraged to ensure that nominees have agreed to the nomination. Self-nominations are welcome.

The newly revised OLLI AT UNT Policies and Procedures document describes the responsibilities of the Advisory Council:

"The Advisory Council reviews and approves policy in consultation with the Director of OLLI at UNT. The responsibilities of the Advisory Council include evaluating all OLLI at UNT policies, programs and operations and providing strategic planning for the growth and quality of the program. "

STANDING COMMITTEES

OLLI at UNT's standing committees are very important in carrying out the functions of the program. The term of service is one year for Standing Committees. Standing Committee Members may extend their term of service for a second consecutive term.

Standing Committees and their primary responsibilities are:

Curriculum Committee: The Curriculum Committee assists the Director of OLLI at UNT and staff in developing plans for a stimulating, well-balanced schedule of classes for each academic term. The committee works in partnership with the Director of OLLI at UNT to identify and recruit instructors and class proposals. Prior to each academic term the committee reviews class proposals and class evaluations and recommends classes for final review and selection by the Director of OLLI at UNT.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee assists the Director of OLLI at UNT in developing plans for recruitment and orientation of members, retention of continuing members, and outreach to and services for the general membership.

Marketing Committee: The Marketing Committee assists the Director of OLLI at UNT and staff in development of marketing materials and marketing campaigns.

Nominations and Elections Committee: The Nominations and Elections Committee solicits nominees for election to the Advisory Council and develops a list of member volunteers interested in participation on Standing Committees. The Committee assists OLLI at UNT staff in conducting elections, which will be conducted electronically as much as possible.

Communications Committee: The Communications Committee works with the Director of OLLI at UNT and staff to review and update on a regular basis the OLLI at UNT web site, related social media, the course catalog, and other electronic and paper communications and notifications to the membership.

Information about member positions is available from any current Advisory Council member or staff.

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