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President's Message

Welcome back to our fall 2018 semester for members of the Academy for Lifelong Learning! Get ready for a lot of interesting and fun classes with no tests and no homework.

Survey: We listened to your replies to the survey we sent out and here are some of the items we've adopted from your suggestions:

- Most classes will now be held in large lecture halls (B&E 122,124, Penland 106) which means no wait lists except for out-trips.
- We are in the process of purchasing several new microphone/amplifier systems which we hope will help those who have had difficulty hearing our instructors.
- Every instructor will be given guidelines on how to optimize their experience in the classroom, such as AV training.
- Changes to the course catalog this semester include a campus map and a list of USCA benefits for our members.
- We now have a guest pass option so you can bring a friend to class so they can see what a vibrant program we have. See page 2 of the catalog for details.

Class Changes: Check your email frequently for changes to classes and remember that our website at aikenlearning.org is the most efficient way for us to communicate changes (course time, date or location) to you. Please continue to check there often throughout the semester since changes may occur at any time. We will try to notify you by email, but sometimes the timeframe for the change is short. Our Academy online calendar on this website is maintained current and is the most reliable way for you to check on status of classes or events.

Parking: You will need a parking decal to park in the parking lot. Park only between the white lines in the lots (or a handicapped slot [if applicable]). If you park between yellow lines, you may be ticketed, since these parking places are for USCA staff only.

We'd love to hear from you – give us your ideas for new classes and tell us how we're doing with the ongoing classes. The Curriculum Committee always welcomes new members. Get in touch with the Curriculum Chair, Kathy Rachick (curric@aikenlearning.org) or any Curriculum Committee member.

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Fall Registration In Progress

Registration opened on August 20, and was thankfully free of the campus network problems that plagued our Registration Open House last semester.

As of this writing, 233 people have registered for the Fall 2018 semester:

- 68 came in to register in person during the August 20 Registration Open House.
- 101 registered themselves using online registration.
- 64 registered via mail or in person outside of the August 20 Registration Open House (mostly mail).

The first classes start on September 10. Short courses and events begin throughout the semester, so there's still plenty of time to register.

Helpful links:

Download the catalog from our Catalog page:
aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php

Register online:
campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofSouth-CarolinaAiken1?season=2481806

Parking Reminder

USCA campus police require all Academy students to have valid USCA parking decals displayed on their windshields when parking on campus. Student decals expire at the end of August each year.

If you did not obtain your decal during registration, instructions are available from the Parking page on the Academy website at aikenlearning.org/Parking.php.

Live at the Met registration glitch

The *Live at the Met* course was inadvertently omitted from the online registration course list when it was created. This omission was discovered and corrected in the opening minutes of registration on August 20. If you were unable to sign up for *Live at the Met*, you can still add this course. See the following Changing Your Registration Selections article.

Changing Your Registration Selections

You can always add or remove classes and events from your current registration by contacting the Continuing Education office (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

You can also add classes online if you established an ongoing account at the end of the online registration process (or already had one from last semester):

Go to the Academy Fall online registration page at: campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken1?season=2481806

Click the MY PROGRAMS link at the top of the page.

Log in with the email you used for your registration and your chosen password. (There is an option for resetting a lost password.)

In the gray box that lists your course/event selections, click the ADD PURCHASE button.

Click on the box by any course or event you wish to add.

Click the CHECKOUT button at the bottom of the page and follow the normal checkout procedures. Unless you add a course or event that has an extra fee attached there will be no additional charges.

There is no way online to *remove* a course or event from your registration. For this you must contact USCA (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

Academy Perks

In addition to the classes and events offered by the Academy, Academy members receive several additional benefits they may enjoy when on campus. To take advantage of these benefits, show your Academy Member card (available from the Continuing Education office, Business & Education Building, Room 113).

Gregg-Graniteville Library – borrow books, access computers.

Student Activity Center Bookstore – 10% discount on all logo merchandise including drinkware, apparel, and gift items. Textbooks, technology, and other

general merchandise items are excluded.

Student Activity Center Café – Receive Faculty/Staff discount for all meals.

In addition, the following Non-Academy benefits are available to all seniors:

Athletic Events – Senior pricing for regular season athletic events that charge admission.

Audit Regular USCA Classes – Seniors 60+ may audit graduate and undergraduate classes for no academic credit without paying tuition. This is on a space available basis and other restrictions apply. Contact the Office of Admissions at (803) 641-3366 for more information.

DuPont Planetarium – Senior rate \$5.50.

Natatorium – Senior water aerobics and synchronized swimming programs are offered. For more information contact 803-641-3431.

Wellness Center – Senior Group Fitness and Stretch/Strength/Yoga/Balance classes are offered. For more information contact 803-641-3641.

Catalog Update

The following changes have been made to the catalog since it was first published. Please be sure your copy reflects these changes.

RELATIVITY AND THE GENIUS OF EINSTEIN will meet in Business & Education 124 instead of 122.

FOUR WINTER COLONY HOMES & THEIR OWNERS will meet in Business & Education 122 instead of 140.

Reminder: Steeplechase Deadline

If you want to attend Fall Steeplechase with the Academy group on October 27, you must get your registration in by September 14. This will give us time to secure our railside sites and obtain the admission tickets.

Courses Beginning This Month

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can download the current catalog from the Academy website at aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php).

To enroll, register online at campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken1#/selectSessions/2481806, or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education at USCA (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do NOT attend these classes or events unless you have pre-registered AND have received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

RELATIVITY AND THE GENIUS OF ALBERT EINSTEIN

Dates: 4 Mondays, September 10, 17, 24, October 1

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Location: Business and Education Building, Room 124

Note location change

ANTEBELLUM SOUTH CAROLINA-THE ROAD TO WAR

Dates: 4 Mondays, September 10, 17, 24; October 1

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Building, Room 122

SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOU

Dates: 2 Tuesdays, September 11 & 18

Time: 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Location: Business and Education, Room 124

FUN WITH FERMENTATION

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3

Time: 12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Building, Room 122

THE AIKEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S 2018-2019 SEASON

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3

Time: 2:00 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Building, Room 122

WORLD WAR I

Dates: 3 Wednesdays, September 12, 19, 26

Time: 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Location: Penland 106

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT NORTH AUGUSTA?

Dates: 4 Thursdays, September 13, 20, 27; October 4

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Penland 106

MODERN ASTRONOMY---WHAT (OR WHO) IS OUT THERE?

Dates: 3 Fridays, September 14, 21, 28

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Penland 106

AUGUSTA'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY: FROM SEGREGATION TO INTEGRATION

Dates: 4 Thursdays, September 20, 27; October 4, 11

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Business and Education, Room 124

MONARCHY IN ENGLAND 1200-1400

Dates: 3 Fridays, September 21, 28; October 5

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Location: Penland 106

LIVE FROM THE MET OPERA

Dates: 6 Fridays, September 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Penland 106

SENIOR EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Date: 1 Tuesday, September 25

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Location: Business and Education Building, Room 124

JUDAISM (FOUR TOPICS)

Dates: 6 Tuesdays, September 25;

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Building, Room 122

LINE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS

Dates: 6 Wednesdays, September 26;

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Building, 2nd Floor Gym

WORLD OF THOROUGHBRED RACING

Dates: 4 Fridays, September 28; October 5, 12, 19

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Penland 106

Non-Academy Events That May Be Of Interest

The USCA History Department is sponsoring Constitution Week in September. All events are open to the public.

America's Changing Religious Landscape

September 17, 2018, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Penland 106

Senior Researcher at the Pew Research Center, Dr. Besheer Mohamed will present on the dynamics of America's religious makeup and the social and political implications of changes in how Americans worship.

Women Leading in Our Community: Elected Officials and Candidates Discuss Women's Rights and Political Leadership

September 18, 2018, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Student Activity Center Mezzanine

Dr. Sarah Young will moderate a panel of women office holders and candidates from Aiken County as they discuss running for office, and the unique experience of women leaders. The event will feature County Council Member the Honorable Camille Furguele, City Council Member the Honorable Gail Diggs and SC House Candidate Elise Fox.

Gerrymandering: Where the Politicians Pick the Voters

September 19, 2018, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Penland 106

Dr. Matt Thornburg will discuss what gerrymandering is, its common techniques, and recent legal developments as we prepare for the 2020 redistricting cycle.

Alcohol, History, and the Law

September 20, 2018, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Penland 106

Dr. Elizabeth Georgian will discuss the history and evolution of the legal status of alcohol possession and consumption, including contemporary rights and responsibilities.

April 2018 Board Meeting

[Note: this was the final Board meeting held last semester. The minutes were approved at the August 13 Board Meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 09:07 am by President Jan Van Slyke.

Present: President Jan Van Slyke, Past President Doug Cook, Secretary Doug Wilson, Treasurer Abby Grizzle, Curriculum Chair Harriet Haynes, Curriculum Chair-elect Kathy Rachick, Publicity Chair Rachel Pirkle

MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held March 21, 2018, were approved with two minor corrections to the draft.

TREASURERS REPORT – Abby Grizzle

Approximate outstanding expenses:

Instructor pay (Dual comp + fringe)	
+ Non-staff honoraria	\$2009.44
<i>Great Decision</i> books	663.18
Misc. copying/printing expenses	38.32
Cold Creek Nursery (Centerpieces for Kauffman Luncheon)	78.19
Total	\$2789.13

The Academy operating account has sufficient funds to cover these expenses.

The Academy checking account (used for petty cash and items not easily charged to the Continuing Education credit card) was deemed to have sufficient funds for next year, so we will not need to divert Board members' membership fees into the checking account for the 2018-19 school year.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Harriet Haynes

At this point we're looking at 28 classes for next fall; about 1/3 of them have had complete information turned in for the catalog. In addition there are four trips/events being considered, and potentially one more that is being pursued. Harriet and Kathy will start putting the catalog together next week.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Rachel Pirkle

Rachel's term as Publicity Chair expires after this semester. Jeanmarie Bronson has expressed to Doug C an interest in this position and would like to meet with a few of us to get a better understanding of our publicity goals and what is involved in the position before committing.

The Board feels our primary publicity goal is to increase awareness of the Academy in the community, as it is distressing how many of our target audience have never heard of us.

OLD BUSINESS

Kauffman Luncheon

The Board expressed appreciation to Abby and her interns for their excellent job in preparing for the Kauffman Luncheon. The entire event was well organized and everything went off very smoothly without a hitch.

In the future Kauffman signup should be included as a normal event in the online registration form, instead of as a separate checkbox like it was done this year. This will make it much easier for department staff to pull out reports relating to event registration.

For next year we will investigate holding this event during USCA's spring break to both provide access to additional campus venues should we need a larger room in the future and to free up parking.

Member Survey

Members still have until May 1 to return their surveys. At this point over 100 have been returned but we have heard from many who said they never received the survey notification. As these emailed notifications indicated they came from USCA External Programs, they may have been ignored or ended up in people's junk mail. In addition, several people expressed interest in serving on the Curriculum Committee or the Board, but failed to include their names. Abby will see if she can send out a reminder over her own name that may have a greater chance of being seen.

Kathy is pleased with the quality of the information being returned and she shared some preliminary results. A full report will be assembled after the May 1 return deadline passes.

Academy Ad in Playhouse Playbills

Preliminary results from the member survey indicate only 1% indicated that they learned of the Academy from our ads in the Aiken Community Playhouse playbills. In light of this, we tentatively decided not to renew the ads for a third season.

NEW BUSINESS

Bringing Guests

There was a discussion re members bringing guests to class to see if the Academy would be of interest to them. The

discussion centered around creating a guest pass one could obtain from the Continuing Education office that would be good for admission to one class session. Abby will create a mockup of such a pass. Details will have to be hammered out in future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am. If an additional Board meeting is needed this semester, it is tentatively scheduled for May 16 at 9:00 am. [Note: no May meeting was held.]

ADDENDUM

Jan Van Slyke, Rachel Pirkle, Doug Cook, Harriet Haynes, and Doug Wilson met with Jeanmarie Bronson on May 1 to discuss the open Publicity Chair position for next year. As a result of this meeting, Jeanmarie has agreed to fill this position. As the annual member meeting to elect officers has already passed, and a quorum of Board members was present, a quick ad hoc Board meeting was called per Academy Bylaws to elect Jeanmarie as Publicity Chair for

2018-19.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2018

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