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President's Message

Looks like any winter weather we were supposed to have got washed away by the rain. Hopefully there is still a sun up there beyond those rainclouds!

But even with all the inclement weather, we have had a record spring enrollment – 266 students this semester. And no wonder, our list of classes is one of the best yet. A few of the things we are learning about: opera, ballet, the symphony – and how to dance; all about how to have a food garden, how to conserve food and how to exercise off some of the excess; how to meditate and how to be mindful; and so many other interesting, stimulating subjects. We had a record number of classes this time (36), as well as the record number of students.

We hope you are enjoying your classes – we'd like to hear from you about what you like, what you didn't enjoy, and what other type classes you'd like to see in the future. Email your comments to the curriculum chair, Kathy Rachick, at curric@aikenlearning.org.

Keep in mind the Kauffman Recognition Day Luncheon on April 23 at 12:00. Remember you will have to RSVP to the invitation that will be sent out, even if you signed up when you registered, to let us know you still intend to come so we can plan accordingly. In addition to honoring our 2020 award recipient, this is when members elect the board members who will serve the 2020/2021 academy year.

Enjoy the rest of the classes – there are still a lot going on and more to come!

And stay dry!

Harriet Haynes, Academy President
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NEED FOR ACADEMY VOLUNTEERS AT CRISIS LEVEL

The Academy for Lifelong Learning is made up of people, just like you, that value and appreciate the opportunities the Academy affords them and the community.

The Academy is a “We”, not a “They”. When you register, you become a **member** of the Academy, not just a purchaser of tickets to a handful of courses. The Academy is not some faceless organization at UofSC Aiken that somehow keeps running in the background. The University supplies the facilities and support staff to handle registration, scheduling, and daily operation, but it is volunteers from the member ranks that do the planning and keep the program running. Many Academy volunteers have served for numerous years, but their numbers are dwindling. In years past we could rely on new volunteers coming into the system to replace those who have served their terms and moved on or otherwise departed, but in recent years the new volunteers have slowed to a trickle. **It is getting increasingly difficult to function with current volunteer levels.**

Where help is needed:

Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Committee members do the actual course planning, interfacing with the instructors, assembling the catalog information and representing the Academy in the classes. Overall Academy enrollment and the number of courses offered each semester have been gradually increasing, but the size of the committee has actually shrunk due to normal attrition. The procedures are well established and easy to carry out but we need people to do them. More committee members are needed to help spread the load.

There is also a need for a **Curriculum Committee Chair-Elect** to serve next year. The Chair-Elect assists the Committee Chair in running the Committee while “learning the ropes” to be able to take over the Committee Chair position the follow-

ing year. The Chair-Elect also sits on the Academy Board.

We have an open invitation for Academy members to attend any Curriculum Committee meeting to see how it operates. Contact Curriculum Chair Kathy Rachick, curric@aikenlearning.org, for more information.

Board of Directors

Management and planning for the Academy is the responsibility of the Board. We have a critical need for candidates to serve on several Board positions for next year, to be elected at the annual member meeting held in conjunction with the Kauffman Recognition luncheon in April. The following positions need to be filled for next year:

Board President – The President presides at the Board Meetings and serves as an ex officio member of all committees. The President also provides the main interface between the Academy and the University. After rotating off this position, the outgoing President remains on the Board as Past President to help provide some continuity and historical perspective. Our current President is serving a second one-year term because there was nobody available to replace her last year. It is patently unfair to ask or expect her to repeat for yet another term.

Board President-Elect – Serves to assist the President and learn how the Academy and Board operate in order to assume the President position the following year. The President-Elect also forms a nominating committee to procure a slate of officers for the following year.

Board Secretary – Due to a recent resignation there is an *immediate* need for a secretary whose primary duties are to serve on the Board and create minutes of the monthly Board meetings. We would hope such person would be willing to continue to serve next year.

Publicity Chair – This position will need to be filled for next year as the current holder will not be available next fall. This entails handling the Academy's promotional advertising, writing and submitting articles about the academy to the local newspaper, etc.

Nothing the Academy does takes place without volunteers to make it happen. If you value the Academy and what it does for you and for the community, won't you please consider volunteering to fill one of

these vital positions? Contact Academy President Harriet Haynes at pres@aikenlearning.org.

A Favorite Academy Instructor Passes On

It is with great sadness that we report the passing from this life of Professor Vicki Collins on February 23.



Recently retired from UofSC Aiken, Vicki taught numerous courses for the Academy, mostly dealing with writing, poetry, and Appalachian culture. She was very supportive of the Academy and rarely missed offering at least one course each semester for ten years or more. Her final offering last fall had to be withdrawn due to the illness that eventually claimed her. Her offerings were always well received and for many Academy members all they had to know was that Vicki was the instructor to make them want to sign up.

Professor Collins' obituary is available via the *Aiken Standard* website:

www.legacy.com/obituaries/aikenstandard/obituary.aspx?pid=195506923

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?season=2733306, or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact UofSC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (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 UofSC Aiken.

WE'RE STILL HERE - AMERICAN INDIANS TODAY

Dates: 3 Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. 116

HISTORY AND PRESERVATION OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE

Dates: 4 Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg. 124

COMBATING FOOD WASTE

Date: 1 Monday, March 9
Time: 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg. 124
NOTE DATE CHANGE

HISTORY THROUGH COINS OF THE BIBLE AND THE TWELVE CAESARS

Dates: 3 Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25
Time: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg. 124

LINE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS

Dates: 6 Mondays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20
Time: 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Convocation Center

LINE DANCING ADVANCED CLASS

Dates: 6 Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Convocation Center

VETERINARY MEDICINE

Date: 1 Wednesday, March 18
Time: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg. 116

GREAT DECISIONS

Dates: 8 Fridays, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1
Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg. 102

HONEYBEES - ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THEIR CARE

Dates: 4 Mondays, March 23, 30*, April 6, 13
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg. 124
 * Session 2 only: Business & Education Bldg. 144

MINDFULNESS BASED COGNITIVE THERAPY

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, March 25, April 1, 8, 15
Time: 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg. 124
NOTE SESSION 1 DATE CHANGE

January 24 Board Meeting

[Note: The minutes were approved at the February 28 Board Meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Harriet Haynes.

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Past President Jan Van Slyke, Treasurer Katie Cromer, Publicity Chair Jeanmarie Bronson, Curriculum Chair Kathy Rachick

Guests: Kim Steele

Absent: Webmaster Doug Wilson

MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held November 18, 2019, were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT – Katie Cromer

Most registrations monies have already been credited to the ALLL account.

The Security Federal account shows that a couple of small checks have been processed.

The Partnership accounts quarterly information was not in yet and will be presented next meeting.

The canopy support estimate for the steeplechase races has not obtained, but will be available for the next meeting.

Nick is working on the estimate for the microphones and plans to send that info by email to the board so that they can be ordered very soon.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT –Kathy Rachick

This spring's enrollment of 252 is the highest ever for spring semester.

Curriculum committee already has 15 submissions of ideas for the fall catalog.

Due to high demand, we are adding 2 sessions to the SENSATIONAL SKY STORIES and another session to FRENCH FOR FUN.

The instructor for THE RED TIDE took a fall and his 4 class dates will be reworked.

End of May is the due date for submitting the Academy write-up to Marra for inclusion in the catalog.

Some emails going out to students are still not being received by all students. Kim is trying to work thru the several lists of students to get them on a more consolidated list.

Kathy reminds us that any information that needs to go out to students should be submitted to Kim or Katie and also to Doug for inclusion on the academy web page.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Jeanmarie Bronson

Mature Times is no longer being published. It is being replaced by a quarterly magazine called Prime Life.

David suggested trying to get ALLL articles in the Bella magazine, a local Aiken magazine. He will get contact information for JeanMarie, so she can check on it.

Not all invoices for the newspaper ads have been received, but Katie says it's probably due to the holiday Season slowdown.

OLD BUSINESS

We previously voted to increase our scholarships to \$3500. Per Robert Murphy's request after meeting with his committee, his preference was for 2 scholarships @ \$750 and one @ \$500 (\$2000 total). We will also donate \$1500 in scholarship monies to non-traditional students. The information will be sent to Mary Driscoll after the meeting. The motion was voted on and approved.

Rework of the Liaison Duties Sheet and Instructor Information sheet has been completed after a meeting in mid-December and sent out to committee members. The instructor sheet should be sent on to the instructor by the liaison.

Katie needs an updated list of the classes with the liaison associated with the classes.

Vicki Gibboney was given a \$100 check at the end of their playing at the drop-in on 12-10. The money came from the regular checking account.

The drop-in went well, though there were about 86 who signed up, and only 65 who showed up. We took notes on the food left, and shared them with Katie and filed them for next time.

The ad for registration was placed on Jan 3. A second placement of the same ad (voted on by the board on 12-27-19) was placed on 1-6-20.

Merger meetings with Mcgrath have been set up.

NEW BUSINESS

The letter asking that prospective students sign up for only the classes they will attend has been sent to students and

added to the website. Katie says it seems to be working somewhat. We agreed that it probably should be sent out at each registration period.

The question was raised: Is there a requirement that a liaison must be a paying member of the Academy? It was decided to table this and bring it up next time when our secretary could be in attendance to help guide us.

Karen would like to set up meetings with representatives from other senior programs. The first representative will be at our merger meeting Tuesday February 4 at 2:00.

Kauffman luncheon – we need to vote on a recipient for the award and order the award itself. We also should get the menu completed, and decide on who to invite. Bill Taylor was suggested as a guest.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm. Next meeting will be Friday, February 28 at 1:00 in B&E 102.

Jan Van Slyke will take secretarial notes if we do not have a secretary in place.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Food Waste</i> (date change) <i>Sennsational Sky</i> 7:30-8:30p- One of three- [RP-Observatory]	3 <i>Live from the MET</i> 10:30-11:30a [B 124] <i>American Indians</i> 11a-12p [B 116] <i>Aiken Symphony</i> 3-4p [B 116] <i>Sennsational Sky</i> 7:30-8:30p- One of three- [RP-Observatory]	4 <i>Sennsational Sky</i> 7:30-8:30p- One of three- [RP-Observatory]	5 <i>SRS History</i> 10-11a [B 124] <i>Plutonium</i> 2-3p [B 124]	6 <i>Sennsational Sky</i> 7:30-8:30p Make-up for Mar 2 [RP Observatory]	7
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22	23 <i>Beg. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12p [C] <i>Honeybees</i> 1-2p [B 124]	24	25 <i>History Thru Coins</i> 9:30-10:30a [B 124] <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12p [C] <i>Mindfulness</i> 1-2:15p [B 124]	26 <i>SRS History</i> 10-11a [B 124]	27 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2-3:30p [B 102]	28
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[Location Codes @ UofSC Aiken]

B = Bus & Educ Bldg

C = Convo Center

RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr