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The Spiral

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President's Message

Welcome, FALL! The cooler temperatures and less humid days will allow us to get outside and do some work we had to put off during the hot summer. And it makes attending classes more enjoyable, by far!

We are also very pleased to welcome you to our FALL SEMESTER. Because of the Covid epidemic, we were quite concerned that we might have to cancel this semester, but Providence (and a very dedicated UofSC Aiken Continuing Education staff!) helped us set up the classes so that our students could view them online, if they chose. What a difference it has made! Our initial estimate was that 30% of the previous enrollment (we had about 250 in the spring) would take the classes. We are really pleased to announce that the fall enrollment is now at 60%! Thanks to all of you for your support!

Please let us hear from you about what you would like to change (but keep in mind that this is our first time to try the online classes, so be gentle!). We plan to continue the hybrid classes next semester; and we're looking at a possibility that some of the classes might continue to be available for viewing after the classes have been completed — more about that later.

Again, welcome back --- and a heartfelt **"THANK YOU"** for your continued support!

Note: to send your feedback, you can email me at: pres@aikenlearning.org

Or email the Curriculum Chair, David Tavernier, at: curric@aikenlearning.org

Harriet Haynes, Academy President

Online Learning Comes to the Academy

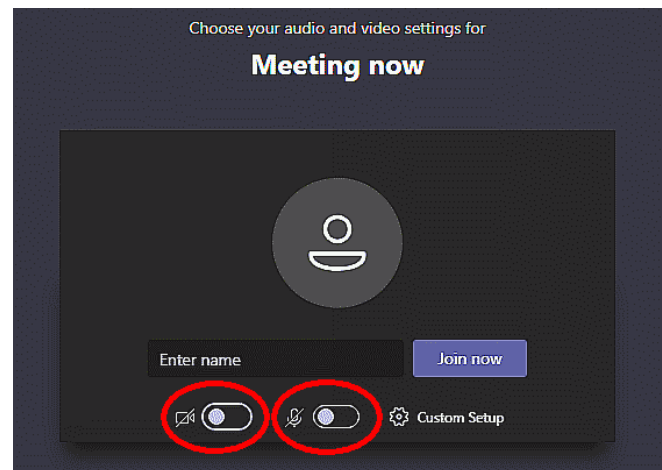
The Academy's first experiences with online learning took place in September, with about half of this semester's registrants choosing this option. With the exception of a few minor glitches, this new endeavor has gone off very well.

Most online sessions have been simulcasts of live classroom sessions taking place at UofSC Aiken. When instructors have on-screen presentations, viewers can switch back and forth between the in-class camera view and a full screen view of the presentation.



Users can click on the box in lower right to toggle between in-room camera and presentation graphics.

One continuing problem has been online participants failing to turn off their home microphones and cameras, so their local background conversations, barking dogs, and images have sometimes interfered with some of the presentations.



When logging into an online session, please be sure your camera and microphone are both switched off.

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=2877713.

or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact UofSC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3756 / 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.

👤 = In Person 💻 = Online

Guided Meditation

4 Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, & 22

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Online Only 💻

Great Decisions

8 Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, & 20

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 144; In-class Only 👤

A Classroom Stroll Around Mr. Irvin's Map

3 Fridays, October 9, 16, & 23

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

Mission Impossible: How The Allies Defeated Hitler's Luftwaffe

3 Mondays, October 12, 19, & 26

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

History Through Coins Of The Twelve Caesars

2 Tuesdays, October 13 & 20

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

Identity Theft And Personal Safety

2 Wednesdays, October 14 & 21

2:00 – 3:00pm

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

Sensational Sky Stories

3 Thursdays, October 15, 22, & 29

Ruth Patrick Science Education Center

Room 217, Observatory; 👤 💻

Alphabet Soup Of Health Care

Tuesday, October 20

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 236; 👤 💻

French For Fun I

4 Tuesdays, October 27, November 3, 10, & 17
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

French For Fun II

4 Tuesdays, October 27, November 3, 10, & 17
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

Warriors From The Sky

A retired paratrooper, Robert Anzuoni is the Director of the Signal Corps Museum at nearby Fort Gordon and former Director of the 82nd Airborne Division Museum at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Last semester he presented a popular Academy course on U.S. Army Signal Corps history. This September he followed it up with four sessions on the history of Army Airborne, *Warriors from the Sky: U.S. Army Airborne Forces*.

The course covered the history and development of Army Airborne and talked about major Airborne campaigns. For the third session he "dressed out" as a World War II paratrooper, displaying and explaining the astounding 170 to 200 pounds of equipment the paratroopers carried into combat.



Photo by class liaison
Carl Fields

September 4, 2020 Board Meeting

[Note: These minutes were approved at the October 2 Board Meeting.]

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Past President Jan VanSlyke, Curriculum Chair David Tavernier, Webmaster Doug Wilson, Publicity Chair Nancy Hughes,

Absent: Ellen Wood, Secretary; treasurer (appointment pending)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Harriet Haynes. The minutes of the prior Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edgington

Treasurer's report was sent by Karen Edgington. The figures are the same as last meeting because the month of August has yet to close.

Curriculum Committee: David Tavernier

- Evaluation forms Word files have been sent to Kim and Karen for distribution to online students and for making copies for in-class students. Forms will be distributed to students on the last day of each class.
- There are currently 134 registrants, 81 of which are on-line only.

Publicity Report: Nancy Hughes

- Rack cards have been distributed.
- No articles have been published since last meeting, but an article about the success of using online classes for the Academy will be written for publication in the newspaper as soon as we feel we have enough feedback.

Old Business

1. Name tags for board and curriculum committee members had previously been approved. David ordered the nametags, and they are currently available. Name tags are being ordered for Doug and Nancy and will be ready in a week or so. Nametags will be paid for out of the Security Federal account.
2. Katie's position has not been filled so we currently have no treasurer. Karen is acting in that role until the administrative role can be approved and filled.
3. Intellectual property release for instructor signatures has been approved by USC Columbia, but still needs approval from campus sources. Pursuit of building a library of tapes needs more answers and will probably not be ready this semester.
4. Webmaster has had some serious problems with software for the Academy website. The old software is no longer being used, and a new software is being explored. A one year rental was approved by email, the software has been delivered, and the webmaster will start working with it as soon as the semester changes slow down.

New Business

1. Merger with McGrath: Tentative completion date to be June 2021. Probably will not pursue merger conditions until next semester, because of the sweeping changes we are adapting to this semester.
2. Kaufman Award Ceremony: Decision was made to tentatively plan to have a Kauffman luncheon in the spring, and to award both the 2020 and 2021 Kaufmann awards at this time.

August 7, 2020 Board Meeting

[Note: These minutes were approved at the September 4 Board Meeting.]

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Past President Jan VanSlyke, Curriculum Chair David Tavernier, Webmaster Doug Wilson, Publicity Chair Nancy Hughes, USCA Continuing Education Director Karen Edgington

Absent: Ellen Wood, Secretary

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

The minutes of the prior Board meeting in February, the last one before the Covid shutdown, had been previously approved by email and published in the June issue of *The Spiral*.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edgington

All bills have been paid and nothing is owed from the previous semester. Balances are healthy.

Curriculum Committee: David Tavernier

David handed out an update of the 26 fall semester courses. Most of them will be 'hybrid'. He raised the ideas of a.) using the on-line courses to build a library for possible re-use; and b.) offering such courses to residents in retirement communities, perhaps gathered in the facility's community room.

Board reception was positive, noting there are issues that will need further exploration, such as instructors' releases for future use.

Publicity Report: Nancy Hughes

Nancy had placed a recent article in the Aiken Standard. She reported on current rack card distribution efforts. Board discussed an upcoming 8/16 half page fall registration ad.

Old Business

1. Mailing list and email consolidation: Karen reports that Kim is working on it.
2. There are two new staff members: Aubrey will be helping in the office and Christopher will be gradually taking over for Nick, who has moved. The appointment of our board treasurer is pending.
3. 'Bella' not currently being published, so no efforts to publish articles will be made unless the magazine starts up again.
4. Academy membership requirement for course liaisons: decision that an addition to by-laws not needed at this time.
5. Name tags for board and curriculum committee members; strong feeling that class liaisons, as well as board members, should have name tags. David will obtain details and prices and decision will be made by email.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

6. Draft of evaluation sheet for class participants: consensus was that it is good and needs no changes. Discussion about need to have both an in-class and an on-line version (available as an attachment).

Harriet will follow thru with the development of the on-line draft.

New Business

1. Fall Semester:
 - a) Registration will take place online and in person. Office staff available for in person help on registration day. Karen thinks no additional help needed.
 - b) Reminder that vehicle registrations must be done in person.
 - c) All information about COVID parameters, restrictions, and most current information about how the college is dealing with the virus will be part of the package sent to students after registration.
 - d) For all classes: The instructor should come to the college on the date/time scheduled and will be recorded live in the classroom. A staff member will be scheduled to be in the classroom to work the camera. At this point the Academy does not need to purchase any additional equipment.
 - e) All instructors should be asked to come to their first class at least 15 minutes early to become familiar with the TEAMS format and the equipment being used.
 - f) Tutorial for Academy students taking online classes using the Microsoft TEAMS app : the college has prepared a tutorial and it will be available at the time of online registration. It will also be available on our

website. A tutorial for how to register online is also available on the website.

2. Merger with McGrath: no progress, on hold.
3. Doug reported on ongoing problems with the webpage software our server licenses from another company. May affect speed of his updates. May need to make changes in future. For general information only.
4. Kaufman Award Ceremony: discussion about whether to give both the 2020 and 2021 awards in the spring of 2021, or to have a ceremony in late fall of this year for the 2020 award. No decision.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



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