



Council Minutes
June 17, 2024
9:30am - 10:35am
Via Zoom

Council & Committee Members Present:

Robert Beaury, Kayla Bell, Jerry Brockett, Lynda Christensen, Barbara Danish, Carmela Gersbeck, Carol Goss, Martha Honey, Robert English, Mary McClellan, Cathy Reinis, Susan Simon, Michael Weinstock, Eleanor Wieder
Guests: Karen Kane, Jill Lundquist

Council & Committee Members Absent: All present!

Call to Order

President Robert Beaury called the meeting to order at 9:32 am

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes, Council Meeting April 15, 2024 by Carmela, seconded by Mary, all in favor

Motion to approved the minutes, Annual Meeting May 16, 2024 by Carmala, seconded by Mary, all in favor

Secretary Correspondence

Susan reported:

- no postal mail received

Robert B reported:

- A complaint was received about the admission process lottery being "unfair"
- Former members feel they should have admission priority

Tech Training - no training today

Carmela reported:

- 3 new tech people will be trained about applications and renewals

Treasurer's Report

Jerry reported:

- Hospitality & Annual meeting expenses @ 4k

Business

Renewals & Applications (update)

Robert B reported:

- 2 “complaints”
 - A complaint was received about the admission process lottery being “unfair”
 - Former members feel they should have admission priority
- Revise admit process - Discussion about possible policy amendment
 - Jill suggested that retired Bard faculty should get priority, perhaps adding it as a 3rd category to the policy
 - Robert B will come up with the amendment language for review/discussion at the July meeting

Summerfest (Update)

Mary reported:

- Going great, the classes have a more intimate & social aspect

Fall Semester Dates

Mary reported:

- 6 weeks for in-person classes, 1 week less due to no classrooms being available
- This probably won't happen again in the future
- Zoom classes can go for 7 weeks, depending on the presenters choice

Annual Survey

Mary reported:

- The Annual Survey is in the process of being reviewed
- Survey Monkey is very helpful in organizing comment categories which has pointed to “older” members and “younger” members having different concerns
- Final results will be ready for presentation at the July Council meeting
- Possibly change timing of survey for discussion at the next Council Meeting - Mary has many things to handle at the same time the survey is published

Donation List for 2024-25 review for approval (see “A” below)

Robert B & Jill reported:

- They met with Bard representatives & reviewed the proposed donations to align with needs
- 3 new categories added
- All donations increased by \$200 for last year and Bard is very happy with it
- The \$25 membership fee increase has really paid off in a great way

Set Up Finance Team meeting

- Will meet with team August/September to transfer the donations to the Bard accounts

Social Events (Update)

Robert I reported:

- Orientation 9/4/2024: Orientation luncheon has not been well attended so alternatives were discussed (Robert's suggestions: see "B" below)
 - Tours in lieu of orientation luncheon - most agree that it's a good way to meet other members
 - Tours can be scheduled for August 20th and 27th
 - Robert will send an email to Council members and Class Managers asking them to participate in the tours
 - Weis reservation for 9/4 will be canceled
- Robert Post summer picnic set for Wednesday July 24, 5-7pm
 - the theme is a 60's Peace, Love and Happiness celebration - casual & fun
 - Food from Adams
- Welcome back luncheon 9/25/24
 - 12 noon @ Montgomery Place Pavilion with music too!
- Team for planning and executing 25th anniversary celebration
 - P&E Committee will have a meeting to discuss team setup

P&E Committee (going forward)

- Discussion that it is not necessary for all Council members to participate in event planning

Bard's Updated Covid Policy as of June, 2024 (see "C" below)

Robert B reported:

- Bard updated their Covid policy, no longer requiring new students, faculty, & staff to provide proof of vaccination
- Discussion about concerns & how will this affect LLI
- Motion to adjust LLI Policy Covid vaccine policy to current Bard policy by Carmela, seconded by Michael, all in favor
 - Robert will draft the updated LLI Policy
 - It will include Bard's "mask friendly" statement
 - LLI presenters can requests that students wear masks

Two Proposed LLI Policies (see "D" below)

- Joining Committee and Team Meetings
 - Adjustments were suggested, RobertB handle rewrite
- Attendance at In-Person Classes
- Both proposed new policies will be revisited by Council and discussion will resume at the July Council meeting

Existing Policies for Review (see “E” below)

- **ORG 9/21**
 - Upon review, it is decided there is not a need to make any changes
- **ORG 4/22**
 - Upon review, it is decided there is not a need to make any changes

LLI Talent Show

- **Spring ‘25 Semester Courses**
 - write it up girl - they loved the idea
 - Susan will speak to the Curriculum Committee

Underwriting of cost of showing a film for members either on Campus or at Upstate Films

Martha H reported:

- Film is “Borderland” A documentary with an immigration theme - the Director proposed a showing on 10/21/24 and they would attend for a Q&A session after viewing
- Discussion about location, cost
 - If it is shown at Upstate Films the total LLI cost would be \$750
 - Suggested that we ask Bard about using the Jim Ottaway Jr. Film Center on campus - 110 seats, maybe show 2x Or perhaps Olin Hall
 - Robert B will find out about the Ottaway and/or Olin Hall availability on the date the director proposed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mary, seconded by Eleanor - all in favor

Robert adjourned the meeting at 11:35am

Next LLI Council Meeting: July 15, 2024 @ 9:30am/Zoom

Submitted by,
Susan Simon, Secretary

A - Proposed Donations to Bard 2024-25

Total available: \$41,000.

Center for Civic Engagement	\$10,800.
Dean's Discretionary Fund	9,250.
Joan Tower's Student Assistance	1,750.
Fund for Visual Learning	2,750.
Hessel Museum	1,250.
Fisher Center	1,250.
Dean Stuart Levine Sr. to Sr.	4,000.
Early College in High School	2,250.
*Student Support and Relief Fund	3,500.
*Bard Music Festival	1,000.
*TEDx	500.

**New categories added*

Total allocated: \$38,300.

Balance remaining: \$2,700.

B - Orientation (September 4)

Although Weis is booked for September 4, the Committee believes that an in person orientation will not be well attended. Last two years less than 1/3rd of new members attended. Suggestion that in person orientation be replaced with:

More detailed new member letter

Video posted on website with key info

Campus tours on two dates with key info discussed then

Name badges distributed at summer picnic and first class day, otherwise mailed

Parking passes secured direct from Bard Security

C - Bard's updated policy (June 2024)

What are the vaccination requirements on campus?

In accordance with CDC recommendations and the evolving public health situation, the College is strongly encouraging everyone in the Bard community—students, faculty, and staff—to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and will continue to organize on-campus vaccination clinics whenever possible based on vaccine availability. However, the College will no longer require all incoming students and new hires to submit COVID-19 vaccination data to Bard Health Services and the Human Resources Office.

D - New Proposed Policies for Review

Re Joining Committee and Team meetings

LLI at Bard College depends on members becoming involved to facilitate the operations of this all-volunteer organization. To that end, members are encouraged to join committee and team meetings to get a sense of the depth and breadth of the work that is done on a regular basis. A member who wishes to join any monthly meeting as a guest will not be interviewed or questioned in any way. At the discretion of the Chair, guests will quietly observe the meeting until the end, when they may be asked to speak if they wish.

To become a member of a committee or team, the individual must be a current member of LLI. Members can expect to be asked to explain what they will contribute to its function for the benefit of LLI.

Re Attendance at in-person classes

Most of our in-person classes have a limited number of openings or seats either at the request of the presenter or the posted safety limit for the classroom space. If a member is not registered for a class, they should not take a seat unless permission is granted by the presenter and the class manager. If a member is registered for a course and is absent the first or second week without written notice to the class manager, they may be dropped from the course and will be notified of that decision and action by email. That member's seat may then be offered to a member that was not able to register.

E - Existing Policies for Review

ORG 9/21. LLI classes on national holidays will be held unless the Bard College class schedule observes that holiday. Observance of religious holidays that coincide with LLI classes is at the discretion of the class presenter. **Reviewed in March '23

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Reports on File:

Vice Presidents' reports	Carol Goss VP2
Curriculum	Mary McClellan
Governance - Finance	N/A
Membership Development	Robert English
Program Support	Carmela Gersbeck
CCE Liaison Report	Jill Lundquist
DEI/Social Justice Team	Barbara Danish and Laura Brown
Communications Team	