



Council Minutes  
September 15, 2025  
9:00am - 10:17am  
Via Zoom

**Council & Committee Members Present:**

Robert Beaury, Kayla Bell, Carmela Gersbeck, Collin Lovas, Jill Lundquist, Mary McClellan, Grace McKay, Chuck Mishaan, Susan Simon, L. Walker, Michael Weinstock, Eleanor Wieder  
Guests: Fern Fleckman, Robin Gelburd, Gary Miller, Cathy Reinis

**Council & Committee Members Absent:** Karen Kane

**Call to Order**

President Robert Beaury called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes, Council Meeting August 18, 2025 by Mary, seconded by Carmela, All in favor

**Secretary Correspondence**

Susan reported:

- No postal mail received, all emails received will continue to be forwarded to appropriate

**Treasurer's Report**

Karen absent from meeting, Bard is still working on financials for past few months - when she has info she will put her report on the shared drive

**Tech Training**

Carmela reported:

- Looking for A/V people

**Business**

Collin

- Parking on Campus (Update)
  - Trying to reduce the numbers of cars on campus
  - Initial car pooling idea getting a small, but good response
  - Need to identify who can drive, where they are located, drive both ways?, class periods available
  - In preparation for a pilot program for Spring '26 semester, a Bard LLI Carpooling survey will be conducted

Jill, Chuck, Gary

- Hybrid classes
  - What is the most simple, practical way to reduce class size “frustration”, although do we really have that big a problem to need hybrid?
  - The costs, tech people needed, people sign up for classes and then they don’t attend, the set-up of classrooms is not conducive for hybrid presentation, classes might be limited to 12 people for hybrid set-up logistics, we would need Bard A/V assistance & they are on call for Bard classes - many things are needed to be worked out
  - They will put together a team & present a proposal

Robert

- Member accommodation
  - Recommendation that a few chairs are available at the back of the classroom for anyone who arrives late, as not to disturb presenter or other attendees
  - Class Manager is responsible for keeping the classroom in order

Jill

- Inclusion Challenge
  - Although we were asked to make a contribution, it is all included as of of the contribution LLI makes to the Dean’s discretionary fund, therefore there is nothing additional we need to do
  - Jill will ask the Dean about donation priorities

L Walker

- Winter Party - new venue needed
  - LLI traditional has the Winter Party at Blithewood
  - They have capped the number of attendees to 60, we expect 115
  - Will be reminded that they overrode this limit for us last year and will inquire if they will do that again
  - We will then need to look at alternatives if that falls through-need to know by the October Council meeting
  - IF we need to relocate, we might be faced with charging attendees \$20-\$25 per person!

Collin

- Election 2026 (President, First Vice President and Treasurer)
  - Robert (President )has served 2 terms, therefore not eligible to run again, Collin (1st VP) term ends 6/20/25-he can run again if he wants to, Karen (Treasurer) is undecided
  - Will gather info on job descriptions and work flow in preparation for nominees

Robin Gelburd

- Mentor/Mentee initiative (Update)
  - Met with Maureen Aurigemma, Director of Career Development at Bard regarding the initiative which would provide mentors to Bard students in areas such as interviewing skills & professional etiquette
  - Start a small & simple pilot program, 15-20 people, format: coffee chats, lunch & learn, networking fair
  - Robin will write an article for the November newsletter (which Maureen will review) to be presented & discussed at the October Council meeting
  - We can then see who would be interested in mentoring and use Mail Chimp for sign-ups.

### Existing Policies For Review

Robert

- Replaced policy **PROG 05/19**
  - Discussed (new) policy draft (see original & replacement below in addendum)
  - Motion to approve replacing PROG 05/19 with Prog 09/25 by Carmela, seconded by Mary, all in favor
- **FIN 11/20A**  
No Changes

### Reports on File:

Vice Presidents' reports	
Curriculum Committee	Mary McClellan
Governance - Finance	
Membership Development	Lyn Walker
Program Support	Carmela Gersbeck
CCE Liaison Report	Jill Lundquist
Civic Engagement Team	
Communications Team	

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mary seconded by Jill - all in favor  
Robert adjourned the meeting at 10:17am

Next LLI Council Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025 @ 9:30am/Zoom

Submitted by,  
Susan Simon, Secretary

Addendums:

[Proposal to Gauge Interest in Carpooling - Google Docs](#)

## **Existing Policies for Review**

### **Original**

**PROG 05/19.** Video and/or audio recording must be approved by the Council and the Presenter. Requests must include the reasons for recording, and any copyrighted material must be used in accordance with the copyright policy of Bard College. Any approved photography, video, or audio recording must be done as unobtrusively as possible. **\*\*Reviewed in December '24**

### **Replacement**

#### **Policy PROG 09/25 (Draft - approved at 9/15/25 Council Meeting))**

Video and/or audio recording of any class whether in-person or via Zoom is not permitted.

In the event LLI has invited a guest speaker to speak and/or otherwise participate in a particular course, program, or other engagement ("Distinguished Speaker Series"), and LLI and the Speaker wish to record the Speaker's participation in video, audio, or other format, both the Speaker and an officer of LLI must execute the Speaker Agreement.

As part of the Speaker Agreement, the Speaker acknowledges and agrees to be responsible for the use of any copyrighted material, which must be used in accordance with the copyright policy of Bard College. Any approved photography, video, or audio recording must be done as unobtrusively as possible.