

**FIVE COLLEGES LEARNING IN RETIREMENT
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

The regular meeting of the council was held at the Five College Center at 2:15 pm.

Present Council: Larry Ambs, John Armstrong, Dave Cramer, Laura Cranshaw, Arnold Friedman, Jim Harvey, Carol Jolly, Joan Laird, Betsy Loughran, Sandy Muspratt, Ellen Peck, Joan Wofford, Michael Wolff, Gordon Wyse

Absent Council: Marybeth Bridegam

Committee Chairs Present: Mary Franks, Honore David, Peter Ferber

Minutes: The minutes were approved as presented.

Curriculum Committee Report: Dorothy Gorra is a new member of the Curriculum Committee to replace Carol Jolly who has moved up to co-chair.

Mary Franks announced that 25 seminar proposals have come in and been approved for the spring. Catalogue copy is in hand and is being finalized.

The Preview, headed this year by Larry Ambs, will be on Sunday, November 20. This year new icons will be used to identify the various types of seminars. Hopefully, this will make members more aware of the variety of offerings. Arnold suggested that members of the Council might be there early to welcome members and guests.

Envelope stuffers for the catalogue packet will be needed Friday morning, Nov. 18 when all the copy comes back from the printer. An ad will go into the *Hampshire Gazette* by Tuesday.

Winter/Summer: Honore pointed out that the winter program needs to add a Feb. 7 art tour of the Meade Museum at Amherst. This will be a full schedule for the winter months.

Flexibility Task Force: Ellen asked for approval of Naomi Yanis, Will Hastings, and Frieda Howards as non-Council members of the task force. Carol Jolly, Peter Ferber, Joan Laird, and Ellen Peck will be members from the Council. This task force will begin meeting after the Preview. The new members were approved.

Many good ideas about seminar structures were discussed at the recent moderators' meeting. In the spring, the curriculum committee will try to invite more potential moderators to come to that meeting. We all need to recruit more people to give seminars.

Finance: This task force has met but will report in January.

Great Decisions: Peter Ferber asked that George Levinger be approved as an addition to this committee. He was approved. Five topics have been chosen from the survey results: Middle

East Realignment, Energy Geopolitics, Cybersecurity, State of the Oceans, and Mexico. Members are now busy lining up speakers.

Civil War Symposium: Larry moved that the Council send a special letter of thanks to Neal Abrahams of 5C Inc. and to John Kennedy of U. Mass. Both of these groups gave us special help during the symposium. Arnold seconded and the motion was approved.

Although Chuck has already thanked the major donors like Mass. Humanities Council and the sponsoring banks, the Council should add its thanks too. At the Preview Larry and Joan will give a special note of thanks to Chuck Gilles for all his work in organizing the symposium.

Larry told us about the 2 volume DVD's that are being made of the Symposium. One has the Friday talk and the panel on Causes; the second has the panel on consequences and the final talk. We cannot sell them but we do own the rights to them. Amherst Media will show them on the local TV station.

Other ideas for distribution: five college history classes, high school teachers in the area, the two speeches as Encore presentations in the spring, retirement communities' programs. Each DVD is one and a half hours. Chuck will have a separate introduction on each one so they can be shown separately.

The DVD's will have to be paid for. We don't yet know if there will be money left from the symposium. Sandy moved that the Council underwrite the expenses of producing the DVD's and packaging them in a good-looking sleeve. The Council agreed unanimously. We have some money left in our program account.

There may also be the possibility of turning it into a book. The sound track can be digitized and then printed. We could not sell such a book, but it could be made available to libraries and put in the 5C center.

Special Programs: Michael Wolff has been approached to start an arts/humanities roundtable on the model of the science roundtable. Eva Sartori and Ruth Kosiorek will work with him. They will have a table with a sign at the Preview.

John Anderson announced the presentation in bioscience on November 17, "Molecular Biology, Shaking the Tree of Life." This will be at 2:00 in Lathrop Northampton.

Memorial Service: Larry reported that Jan 5 will be the date for the Memorial Service for members who have died during the past year. Callie will be collecting names of people to be remembered and speakers who knew them. Larry will coordinate this event with the Winter/summer committee who could also help with the names.

Next Meeting: December 8, 2011 at 2:15 pm. At the Five College Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Peck, Secretary