Executive Board Members Present: Ken Fettig, Grace Hall (Chair), Merrill Hudson, Fred Laffert, Kathleen Mayzel, Rory O’Connor, Jan Perley, Bob Pride, Samuel Ruth (Director), Lynne Romboli, Mary Webb

Call to order- 10:00 AM
Recording Secretary: Gail O’Meara
Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted.

Substitutes: Grace substituting for Deborah Lapides; Linda Budd sent a report.

Chair Comments; Grace Hall
Introduce the new Board member, Rory O’Connor, who will serve as the Financial Consultant.

Director’s Comments: Sam Ruth
Parking:
There is a parking management change as well as Louis, the usual contact, is out on medical leave. The two garages, Dowling and Lower Campus are available for OLLI parking; the office can provide members with directions as to how to access either. There are also printed passes available for on street Campus parking for $30. Sam or Kathy can issue passes.
Annual report is due on September 30.
Free Thinkers:
The location is Asean Auditorium, Cabot Center (Fletcher School). Members are welcome to bring a guest to any of the Free Thinkers events. Check the eNews as to future speaker arrangements.
Winter Proposals:
7 proposals have been received; 25 proposals is the goal.
The deadline for proposals is October 6.
Space concerns:
Since Tufts University is on break for the first half of the winter term, not all buildings are open.
Barnum room is excellent for the music class at 4:30 on Mondays.
Student workers:
Monday needs a full time worker during the meeting times and a part time worker for the office to help Sam and Kathy.
St. Brigid is working out well as an alternative Lexington site.
Alumni Representative:
Outreach to get an EB representative from the Alumni Association.

Committee Reports:

Brookhaven: Lynne Romboli –
No construction updates.
Members are not happy with the 712 steps from the new offsite parking lot.

**Curriculum: Bob Pride –full report at end of minutes.**
There are only 5 Winter proposals to date.
Prudence King is a new member on the Curriculum Committee.
Cy Hopkins will also be joining the CC.
Joel Couch reached out to Ken Fettig about the Technology class that Ken proposed.
Classroom visits are continuing
Plans are being made to have a brief SGL presentation about experience of leading a class at the end of term luncheon; Deborah Lapides will be consulted.
“Senior Connection” will connect us to the Tufts Alumni retirees.

**Financial: Rory O’Connor**
Rory will present at the next meeting.

**Lunch and Learn: Deborah Lapides: Grace Hall presented**
There will not be recording of lectures during this term.
Lunch and Learn attendees are in the 90’s; the space is crowded.
October 9 and October 23 are the next meeting dates.

**Membership: Jan Perley**
August meeting: There are 65 new members. Calls were delayed until the parking arrangements were set.
Calling after the classes started worked out well; specific questions could be addressed.
The new Membership Committee member is Jean O’Keefe.
Next meeting will probably be in January.

**Member at Large: Linda Budd**
Absent: sent a report. Friday Lunch and Learn sessions were going well.

**Member at Large: Mary Webb:**
Brookhaven staff is doing a heroic job during the construction.
5 Brookhaven residents are now coming to Tufts campus; 4 more are planning on coming over.
Would like a bus for the residents if there is enough interest.
Her class on 3 American War novels is going well; there are many “young” attendees.

**Old Business:**
Ken Fetting discussed the visit to the Vet School which he enjoyed very much.

**New Business:**
Bob will discuss with the Curriculum Committee Merrill’s interest in having a 1day, 2 session class for movies.
Online registration is closed. Members can call to change or add during the Fall session.
There is tension in the online registration between super enrollees, the 10-15 members who take 5 classes, versus the average enrollee who takes 2 classes. The cost increases for the classes over the 16 hour basic rate. Classroom space is a continuing problem.
Executive Board meetings have been ending early. After discussion, the EB meetings will remain 2
hours in length starting at 10AM. This extra time will be needed to do the yearly evaluation of the 5 Year Plan and the upcoming review of the Executive Board Bylaws starting in January. Merrill questioned the $25 drop fee; this has always been part of the program policy. Guest policy will remain the same, allowed after Director and SGL approval.

Adjourn
Next meeting: 10/17/2019

All Committee meetings as well as the Executive Board meeting are open to all members, space permitting, with advance notice to the Director. There will be an open comment period at the end of each meeting, time permitting.

Upcoming meeting dates:
- Curriculum Committee: October 10th
- Membership Committee: January
- Executive Board: October 17th
- Nominating Committee: Fall
- Lunch & Learn: October 8th

Curriculum Committee report:
The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday September 12th and we welcomed a new committee member from Brookhaven, Prudence King. Prudence has led study groups for us as well as for Harvard where she was also involved with curriculum. She is a great addition to the committee. We also offered a position on the committee to Cy Hopkins, who was recommended by Al Muggia and by Lynne Romboli. Cy will join the committee in October which will bring total committee membership to 15.

Much of the meeting was devoted to recruiting for the Winter term as the proposal deadline for Winter is October 6th. We hope to offer about 25 study groups in Winter 2020 and as of now we have received 5 proposals.

We had further discussions on offering a study group on new and emerging technologies. Joel Couch is going to contact Ken Fettig to get a better idea of what Ken has in mind.

We also set up a visitation schedule for the Fall study groups. At this point we are scheduled to visit about 75% of the Fall study groups to make our pitch for new study group leaders for the Winter term.

We set a tentative date of Friday November 8th for our Fall SGL Feedback Session. We will complete planning the event at our October meeting.

We also began planning for short presentations at the end of term luncheons. We would like two SGLs to speak briefly about their SGL experience and how beneficial it was to them at each luncheon. These presentations would last a total of 5 minutes at each luncheon.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 10AM in Room 40 Carmichael Hall on October 10th.

Bob Pride
Curriculum Committee Chair