

ICL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting, August 19, 2014 at 10:00 am

Present: Ken Panck, Jim Brown, Peter Ronai, Bob Muir, Peter Rasmussen, Else Nichols, Sharon Dearman, Louise Schroeder, Meike Visser, Tom Zook, and Jyl McCormick.

Ken Panck called the Special Board Meeting to discuss Peter Rasmussen's gift to Willamette University and ICL. This summer, Ken Panck, Jim Brown and Bob Muir met with Dean Marlene Moore, V.P. Academic Affairs; Jim Bauer, V.P. Administrative Services; Dennis Bergval, V.P. for Advancement; and Deborah Dancik, newly hired

(1) Diversification of membership and program material. Jim Brown said that Deborah Dancik's new position at Willamette is working toward diversifying the University and that she would be a resource to helping ICL look toward the community to enhance that diversity. There may be some way to help shorten our waiting list as part of this direction. Dean Moore has offered to provide the names of faculty members who could contribute to a more diverse curriculum. Bob Muir asked about reaching out to the larger community or integrating with other groups that might contribute to a more diversified ICL.

(2) Small group discussion classes. This idea has been pursued by Peter Rasmussen and has attracted responses from many ICL members. For example, a small group could be a one-time meeting for a specific interest e.g., Deborah Ehlers has talked with the Drama Department about having a few ICL people go to the costuming department to assist with an upcoming play, or assisting with lighting. This would be a one-time, very small group to participate. A larger group special class could be a Great Books group, a Writer's Workshop, Lunch with an Author, or a Toastmaster's group. In the past there was a Toastmaster's group on campus. If this were pursued, it could also involve both students and faculty from Willamette. Discussion followed about the possibility of a beforehand group who would meet and discuss an upcoming lecture session. Bob Muir suggested that on some of the topics, such as Great Decisions, it would be possible for those who are interested to meet after the presentation for further discussion. Some small group sessions will be offered in the Fall.

(3) An off-site meeting to enhance ICL planning for the future. Peter Rasmussen stated that there is value in meeting for an annual retreat that allows a few hours to discuss how to further enhance the classes and the Mission Statement. This might also lead to new ideas. Ken Panck said a retreat got people away from the day-to-day issues to be able to concentrate on other directions for ICL. Jim Brown suggested an outside moderator would help to facilitate discussions. Willamette has a business program that deals with non-profit management and they might be able to suggest a moderator from their students with help from the faculty. Bob Muir said that in his experience, this type of off-site meeting energizes and excites the group to re-evaluate how to improve the program.

(4) Expanding ICL's role in the community. This item will be addressed after the Board members have time to research ideas that might be applicable.

Ken Panck asked for action by the Board regarding both the time change proposal and the use of Kaneko for meetings. Sharon Dearman asked about those members who take the bus and how it they might be affected by a time change. Bob Muir asked if all members of ICL should consider the proposed time change. Peter Ronai said this has been proposed before and he has all the comments that were received at that time. There were only a few members who had written and objected to any time changes, but he would get those responses to the Board. Louise Schroeder asked if this would affect outside speakers, especially those professors who had scheduled classes. Tom Zook indicated he would need to know very soon as he is working on the scheduling for Spring Term Semester. After further discussion, Louise Schroeder moved that the time change for starting classes at 10:30 a.m. take place for Spring Semester, Peter Ronai seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The location for Spring Semester was discussed. Jim Brown asked about the disabled parking on State Street. If Kaneko auditorium were used, how would this affect those

Respectfully submitted,
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