Curriculum Committee Report

Monday, September 11, 2023

The Curriculum Committee coordinated and published the Fall Schedule of classes and events. This fall there are 99 individual classes with a total of 288 sessions. Classes are scheduled online, at both campuses, and various off-site locations. The partnership with New Adventures in Lifelong Learning (NAIL), Chandler-Gilbert Community College has 9 courses from NAIL in the NFLL schedule and 12 NFLL courses listed in the NAIL schedule. Classes will begin on Sept 18, 2023, and end with the Holiday Party on Dec 14.

The Fall Schedule was formatted in accordance with the MCC Branding Guidelines. The schedule attempted to include all NFLL activities for the Fall. The schedule has been posted on the NFLL website with the assistance of Allan Zisner, Webmaster. Additionally, the calendar of events on the website is fully integrated with the class schedule. Changes and updates can be made in real time.

The Curriculum Chair, Suzanne Brown and Co-Chair, Jacki McDugle worked with the Membership Chair, Mary Boehlen, Database Administrator, Peggy Randolph, and Member-At-Large, Jan Lorette, on planning and implementing the Fall Preview Open House and the Lifelong Learning 101 events held Sept 8 and 9, respectively. A verbal report will be given on attendance at these events.

During the Summer Term, 37 separate courses were offered with 50+ individual sessions being offered. The average attendance of in-person events was 12 with online sessions averaging 10 people online. The Fabulous Fifties class facilitated by Margo Heaps at Aster Center Downtown, had 29 attendees for the best attended summer session. Five visitors were identified as part of the free attendance program with 3 indicating intentions of joining NFLL.

The Spring Session course proposal is linked on the website. Email announcements will be sent out after courses have started in the Fall term. Proposals for Spring 2024 are due by November 1, 2023. Scheduling preference for courses will be based on when submitted.

ACTION ITEM: The Curriculum Committee proposes to reduce the number of weeks of the Summer Session from 9 to 8. Rationale: The last week of classes for the past two years have had very poor attendance, normally less than 4 per class. Few classes are scheduled during the 9th week. Shortening the session should have no noticeable impact on member participation but will reduce the workload of our volunteers.

Submitted by Suzanne Brown, Chair