

Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Board Minutes, February 18, 2015

The Board of Directors of CVEC met at the Northfield Senior Center on February 18, 2015. Board members Jerry Mohrig, ReJean Schulte, Peg Morrison, Randy Cox, Richard Crouter, Joan Drenth, Phil Eaves, Mary Emery, Jean Haslett, Ed Lufkin, Judy Mason, Eric Nelson, Dale Talley and Michael Harper were present. A quorum being present, Board Chair Jerry Mohrig called the meeting to order at 3:46 P.M.

1. Jerry asked the Board to approve the agenda that had been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Jerry next asked that the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting of the Board be approved in the form circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes in the form circulated was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Executive Director Rich Noer noted that CVEC will again co-sponsor the Great River Shakespeare Festival. An informal committee headed by Eric Nelson is in the process of pinning down the details of next summer's film festival, which will once again be co-sponsored with Carleton College. Four teachers have signed on to discuss the four films to be shown in July.
4. Dale Sommers gave the Operations Director's report. As of the end of the first day of registration for the spring term, 224 registrations were received. One hundred eighty seven students have been assigned to classes; quite a few registrants had to be turned away. However, teachers whose classes were over-filled have given preliminary indications that they will teach their courses again next year, at which time the turned-away students will have priority. Dale has contacted all the registrants who did not get into their choices of classes, and only two conversations were "difficult." One course was limited to 15 students, and the rest were assigned higher limits by the instructors prior to registration.

5. Jerry described his meeting with a representative of Carlson Capital Management. CVEC's endowment is invested in a diversified mutual fund that provides exposure to a portfolio of domestic and foreign equities. Carlson does not charge CVEC for its services as investment manager.
6. The next business to come before the Board related to the proposed restated Bylaws of CVEC. Proposed Bylaws in "final" form had been circulated before this Board meeting. One change to the proposed Bylaws was discussed and agreed to, the removal of the words "for any reason" from the fourth line of Article 5, Section 10. Approval of the restated Bylaws required a two thirds vote of the Board members present, and upon motion duly made and seconded the restated Bylaws were approved unanimously. A copy of the Bylaws as approved is attached to these Minutes.
7. Jerry and Rich next opened a discussion of the revisions to the CVEC Policy Manual proposed by the Executive Committee. A new version of the Policy Manual had been circulated to the Board via email before the meeting. Jerry started by explaining the procedure that he and Rich and other members of the Executive Committee had followed in connection with the proposed revisions. He asked whether the information provided to the Board aided members in considering the proposed revisions. A number of Board members expressed their approval and thanks for the thoughtful manner in which the proposed Policy Manual was presented to the Board. Rich then undertook a section-by-section discussion of the provisions that would be significantly and substantively changed if the proposed Policy Manual were to be adopted by vote at the next Board meeting. A brief discussion followed, after which Rich and Jerry undertook to make minor changes to the proposed Policy Manual and present the finished product to the Board for a vote at the March meeting.
8. Finally, Dale revisited the matter of course enrollment limits. Bill Woehrlin's classes were significantly over-subscribed on the first day of registration, and six other courses were somewhat over-subscribed. Dale thinks that the course limit rules recently adopted by the Board work well. By the time of the Board meeting, he had made initial contact with 47 disappointed registrants, some of whom substituted second-choice classes. Board members expressed concern at the

number of registrants who were disappointed, and thanked Dale for his heroic efforts to contact all the disappointed registrants. Members of the Board suggested that the over-subscription problem ought to be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael H. Harper, Jr., Secretary