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**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
Membership Handbook  
2008-2009**

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### **FAQ's**

**What happened to FULIR?** FULIR got a new name because of a generous donation by the Bernard Osher Foundation. One of the very few requests from the foundation was for the program to be renamed the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Furman, otherwise known as OLLI @ Furman. We join approximately 120 OLLI programs across the country in a unique networking partnership of senior lifelong learning programs that are associated with a college or university. OLLI is "fulir" because of this partnership!

**What is the difference between Furman's Lifelong Learning Program and OLLI @ Furman?** The mission of the Lifelong Learning program is to provide a broad array of educational classes, trips, and programs for children, young people, and adults in the Upstate community with the majority of classes being held evenings and weekends. OLLI @ Furman is a diverse community of seasoned adult learners engaged in classes and activities that enhance the successful aging process. OLLI @ Furman inspires students to stay intellectually and physically active through its many opportunities for lifelong learning, health and well-being, personal connection, creativity, and enjoyment.

**What if I don't have email?** Be sure to check each week in the OLLI office, the Chapel, or North Village, Bldg. J for **OLLI Notes** and the quarterly newsletter, **Gray Matters**.

**Why can't I pay by credit card?** Beginning with the 2009 classes (Winter and Spring), you will be able to pay by credit card. We will still take registrations by mail but you won't have to write separate checks, unless you prefer to.

**Can I register online?** Not yet, we are working closely with Furman IT staff to configure the university's registration system to also work for the Continuing Education programs of Lifelong Learning and OLLI. We are planning to be set up for online registration in the 2009-2010 academic school year.

**How do I learn about member activities or class changes throughout the term?** We communicate to the membership in three ways: the first is our quarterly newsletter, **Gray Matters**, which consists of committee reports, member profiles and the building campaign donor reports. The next is our weekly news, **OLLI Notes**, which comes out every Friday. Both of these publications will be delivered via email in our efforts to reduce paper and copying costs. If you don't have email, copies of both publications will be made available in the OLLI office, the Chapel, or North Village, Bldg J. Lastly, Class Representatives act as liaisons between the OLLI office and classrooms. Important information will be distributed to them and they will report the information to you before or after class.

## OLLI at Furman Committees

### Administration and Governance Committee:

The Administration and Governance Committee decides on the length of each term (ten weeks, eight weeks, etc.), the membership fees, and other administrative decisions. They meet only when there is a decision about changing the current fees, term lengths, etc. They may meet once a term.

### Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee reviews the information on the evaluation sheets from the previous term, and looks for competent instructors to teach a well-balanced variety of classes for the next term. Having a large committee helps, because each person may know of one or two people who are competent or learned in a particular field. This committee usually meets three or four times in a term to plan the courses for the following term.

### Long-Range Planning Committee:

The Long-Range Planning Committee consists of the former presidents of OLLI @ Furman and other interested members. They have established an endowed fund, the *interest* from which will provide a modest income for scholarships and other financial needs. They also consider the needs and goals of OLLI @ Furman for three, five, and ten years into the future. This committee meets about once a term.

### Membership Committee

The Membership Committee works to recruit new members, increase retention of existing members, and involve all members in projects, committees and activities. They communicate with class representatives, personally call new members before the term begins and again at the end of their first term, set up an orientation program for new members, and survey existing members to identify needs and interests of members.

### Newsletter Committee:

The newsletter, **Gray Matters**, is produced 4 times each year. This committee collects articles and information, assembles it, and turns the newsletter in for printing and distribution to each OLLI @ Furman member. The committee meets at least two times for each issue of the newsletter.

### Publicity Committee:

The Publicity Committee helps to distribute the newly printed brochures each term to a wide variety of locations around Greenville (the Main down-town library and its branches, book stores, churches, retirement homes, etc.), and sends out news releases, etc. to let people know about the up-coming classes. They also help with talks to community groups, ways to publicize OLLI @ Furman on campus, and make decisions on promotional ideas. The committee meets once a month.

### Special Events Committee:

Special Events plans our Brown Bag luncheon speakers, the Thanks Luncheon at the end of the year to honor our class instructors, outings to the theater, restaurants, trips, visits to the home of the University president, and all other social activities for the OLLI @ FURMAN members. They meet about two to three times each term.

# Welcome to OLLI @ Furman

OLLI @ Furman gives you more than just something to do. It may start out that you attend Dr. Crabtree's Shakespeare, but then it evolves into a Pen and Ink class, add a Brown Bag Luncheon on Tuesday and then a tour on Friday, and along the way you realize that learning never retires and you've never felt better.

In addition to the many courses that will be offered during the academic year, we will be planning special programs that include social events, discussion groups, special interest clubs, travel and service opportunities. We want to plan these programs around your interests and with your participation, so please let us know what types of programs you want to see offered.

Don't hesitate to ask questions, share your life experiences, get involved with a committee and take that Biology class you avoided when you were a teen. The more involved you become, the richer and fuller OLLI @ Furman becomes and the richer and fuller your life becomes.

This special handbook contains some useful information that will help you better enjoy your experience as part of OLLI @ Furman.

And remember, **learning never retires!**

Lucy Woodhouse  
Director

### **OLLI @ Furman member benefits:**

- OLLI members can buy lunch in the Furman Faculty dining room, located in the lower level of the student dining hall. We ask that you eat at one of the tables in the alcoves overlooking the lake in the student dining area. They offer a full menu for under \$5.
- Members have access to the Furman University library and OLLI Book Nook (located in the OLLI Office building).
- Other benefits include special trips and events coordinated by the OLLI program to theatres, museums, and a variety of other activities.
- Brown Bag lunch speakers, and special prices for campus events.
- OLLI members will receive the weekly **OLLI Notes** and the quarterly newsletter, **Gray Matters**, which keeps them updated on all OLLI and campus events.

### **Where are the OLLI classrooms?**

**OO 107, 109, 110 and 116** are in the **OLLI Office** building, located behind McAlister Auditorium, adjacent to the Playhouse. Parking is available in front of the OLLI building.

**The Chapel Garden Room (CGR), Chapel Meeting Room (CMR), and the Chapel Conference Room (CCR)** are located on the lower level of the Charles E. Daniel Chapel. Enter from the side entrance on the right hand side of the building. The building is most accessible on ground level from the back door of the Garden Room.

**Hipp Hall** is located next to the library. Students should park beside the chapel and walk past Plyler Hall toward the library. Turn left in front of the library. Hipp Hall will be on your left as you walk toward the lake. Room 7 is located on the bottom floor.

**The Thomas Room, Burgiss Theater, and Watkins Room** are located on the upper level of The University Center.

**Daniel Recital Hall** is in the Daniel Music Building, adjacent to McAlister Auditorium.

**The Dance Studio** is upstairs in the **Lay Physical Activity Center (PAC)**. The steps to the second floor are located in the hallway on the right. The pool is on the back side of the PAC.

**North Village (NV), Building J**, is located behind McAlister Auditorium and past the Playhouse. The building for the classroom sits in front of the building labeled "J". Display your parking permit and walk to the right or left of the building towards the apartments. There is an elevator as well as stairs to use to get to the second and third levels. When you get out of the elevator, you will need to walk across the bridge back to the building in front of the apartments for the additional classrooms. Please do not knock on the apartment doors. If you have any trouble getting into a building, the RA (resident assistant) has an office on the first floor and should be there to assist.

For directions to other classroom locations consult your map or feel free to call the OLLI office.

### **History of OLLI @ Furman**

When OLLI began in 1993, there were seven courses offered and 62 members. At the time it was called Furman University Learning In Retirement (FULIR). Currently, there are approximately 90 classes per term offered and enrollment continues to grow with every term.

Furman's Learning In Retirement Program (FULIR) has been renamed the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Furman (OLLI @ Furman)** in response to a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, a San Francisco based philanthropic organization. The initial grant of \$100,000 was made in February 2008, and is the first in a series of grants that can provide more than \$2.2 million over the next three years. The Osher Foundation supports 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes on university and college campuses across the country including four in South Carolina: Furman, Clemson, Coastal Carolina and USC-Beaufort. OLLI @ Furman will continue to serve senior adult learners with classes and activities that stimulate the successful aging process.

Each term, over 600 people in the Greenville community enjoy the opportunity to make new friends and pursue educational interests on the Furman campus. Classes meet during the daytime from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. once per week and are 1.5 hours long. Members can take as many classes as their schedule permits.

### **A Home of Our Own**

The success of our classes and a growing membership has us bursting at the seams! Our dream of a new building that will contain classrooms, a computer lab, kitchen, lobby/living room, offices and storage is turning towards reality. The building will be built on Furman's campus and will provide a permanent home for OLLI @ Furman. The preliminary cost estimate for the 16,000 square foot building is an estimated \$6 million. Thanks to the Bernard Osher Foundation and some generous gifts from our membership we have almost \$3+ million pledged. Can you help make this dream come true? Naming opportunities still exist. Please contact Lucy Woodhouse for more information.

### **OLLI @ Furman Mission Statement**

OLLI @ Furman is a diverse community of seasoned learners engaged in classes and activities that enhance the successful aging process. OLLI @ Furman inspires students to stay intellectually and physically active through its many opportunities for lifelong learning, and well-being, personal connection, creativity and enjoyment.

### **Free audit program for Senior Citizens at Furman University**

As a service to Greenville area senior citizens, Furman will permit anyone 65 and over, or 60 and retired, to audit day or evening credit classes on a space-available basis at no charge. The program gives senior citizens the opportunity to enjoy the stimulation of a serious academic environment without the cost of taking courses for credit.

If you qualify and are interested, contact the Continuing Education Department in Hipp Hall or call 864-294-2155. Because free audits are only permitted on a space-available basis, requests cannot be confirmed until after regular student registration is completed each term.