

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI) AT INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

CHARTER

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Introduction

In 2010 the Bernard Osher Foundation provided Indiana State University with a \$1,000,000 endowment to support in perpetuity the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Indiana State University (OLLI at Indiana State University). In receiving this endowment, Indiana State University joined over 100 institutions of higher learning across the nation that were endowed as well as inspired by the educational philosophies and programs of the Bernard Osher Foundation. Preceding OLLI at Indiana State University was the Dewey Institute for Lifelong Learning (1996) which took as its model programs at the New School for Social Research in New York City and Harvard's Institute for Learning in Retirement.

Drawing from these examples, OLLI at Indiana State University has developed a membership-led educational institute that offers extended learning opportunities, coordinated by volunteer leaders. No credit is involved. OLLI is a year-round program devoted to lifelong learning.

Why an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Indiana State University?

OLLI at Indiana State University provides a formal relationship between the University and many of the most motivated and supportive adults in the community—giving those adults membership in, and encouraging their support of, ISU. Many benefits accrue to the university, to members of OLLI, and to the community at large.

Benefits to members:

- Support for the educational interests of regional adults
- A social outlet for adults, especially those at or near retirement age
- Access for members only to special academic and social events
- Access to university programs and facilities (according to Indiana State University policies) such as the following:
 - Access to the University's library
 - Parking for OLLI registered members
 - Use of facilities, social events, etc.

Benefits to the community:

- A program to serve the needs of adult community members which is increasingly important as retirement populations grow
- An outreach program which bonds ISU to the community

Benefits to Indiana State:

- Serve emeriti faculty and staff who want closer retirement links to Indiana State University
- Enrich the campus academic and social environment by consciously including highly-educated, motivated adult learners
- Provide an interested audience for public lectures, art events, and more

- Offer personal examples of lifelong learning to undergraduate and graduate students
- Develop special institute events to which faculty, students, and staff may be invited
- Coordinate an educational program that serves the region

Organization

The ISU liaison with OLLI at Indiana State University is Extended Learning. ISU may change its internal structure from time to time; however, in those cases this charter will not require amendment.

Although OLLI at Indiana State University reports to ISU through Extended Learning, for most operating matters its elected Steering Committee will be responsible for most administrative and academic decisions.

The OLLI at Indiana State University Steering Committee shall designate such committees as are necessary to advance the work of the Institute.

OLLI at Indiana State University Operation

OLLI at Indiana State University offers programs developed by the membership under the leadership of a Program Coordinator. The institute functions with an academic year that includes Fall and Spring terms. A summer term is a regular feature. Members pay an annual membership fee regardless of participation patterns, as well as course and special event fees established by the Committee. Membership rates are set to cover expenses and provide a small back-up fund appropriate to continuing institute operation.

All programs and presenters are chosen by OLLI at Indiana State University's Program Committee, which reports to the Steering Committee. Membership is open to any interested adult. All other operations (social events, publications, etc.) are developed by OLLI at Indiana State University members or leaders, subject to final approval by ISU.

Use of University Facilities

The institute will not infringe in any significant way upon the ongoing degree programs of Indiana State University. Classrooms, office and other space will be made available according to existing university policies on availability and fees. Parking is free to OLLI at Indiana State University members who are registered for programs. OLLI at Indiana State University members are included under existing Library policy.

OLLI at Indiana State University Budget

The interest on the \$1,000,000 endowment provided by the Bernard Osher Foundation is provided annually to OLLI at Indiana State University by the Indiana State University Foundation. OLLI at Indiana State University operates within the university budget, with its own agency accounts covering all its costs to Indiana State. These costs may include payment to its liaison office's budget to cover indirect office expenses although OLLI at Indiana State University's goal ~~will be~~ is to operate to the greatest extent possible using volunteers as administrators and staff/office assistants.

Charter Activation

When this charter has been approved and signed or initialed by a senior officer of Indiana State University, the liaison office, and chair of the institute's Steering Committee, OLLI at Indiana State University will become an official program of Indiana State University. Minor changes may be made to OLLI at Indiana State University operating guidelines, bylaws, and budget by approval of institute leaders and the liaison office; any fundamental changes, especially to the charter, will require approval by a senior university officer as well. OLLI can be dissolved through mutual agreement by the university and institute leaders for reasons of fiscal distress, insufficient membership, or other serious problems; but it is expected that this new institute will become a long-standing program of Indiana State University.

_____ Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
 _____ Date
 _____ Provost, Indiana State University
 _____ Date

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