
Friends of Life-Long Learning at Carleton

First a big thank you to all of you who have supported the advocacy group. We are approaching 500 members and know of at least 70 who have written letters to the senior administration calling for the continuation of Life-Long Learning at Carleton. The group has been busy over the last few weeks, and this brief newsletter summarizes our activities.



1) Two of us (Karen Cohen and Peter Watson) had meetings with members of the McGill lifelong learning group: MCLL. They are very supportive and we feel there are useful takeaways from their model. In particular, they are affiliated with

McGill, governed by an MOU. McGill provides them with classroom space, technical and administrative support and handles participant registration. In return, MCLL pays a proportion of the fees collected to the university. MCLL has also obtained a considerable amount of designated grant funding.

2) Karen met with the Director of the CIE at Carleton, to try to understand the factors that led to the closure of the LLeaP program. It was primarily due to enrolment that never rebounded after COVID and escalating administrative costs. Given the financial challenges Carleton is facing, it could not continue to operate the program at a deficit. The discussion yielded information helpful to our efforts to develop an alternate way of delivering the program.

3) We are meeting with the Provost at Carleton on July 9. We will be recommending a model in which the new program would rely heavily on volunteer support and Carleton would supply infrastructure support, paid for out of participant fees. Depending on the outcome of this meeting, we will prepare a detailed proposal. The hope would be to have a program in place by September.

4) Three of us (Bob Burk, Karen Cohen and Peter Watson) met with representatives of the ROH on July 3. They already run an outreach program with the University of Ottawa and are interested in being involved with any LLL program that we can bring forward.

Again, we thank you for your support and hope to come back to you with more positive news in a short while. Please do not hesitate to voice your continued support for a successor for LLeaP to Carleton's senior administration.