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Cal Poly Osher Lifelong Learning Program Cancelled for Summer

University cites declining enrollment and growing deficit

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly announced today that budget considerations are forcing the cancellation of summer-term classes for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

Declining enrollment leading to an unsustainable budget deficit were the key factors in cancelling the summer term, said Michael Miller, Cal Poly's dean of Library Services.

The deficit for the fiscal year **2010-11** will be close to \$60,000, Miller said, adding that membership has declined steadily over the past four years. This is the first summer session to be canceled in several years.

"We won't be totally inactive during the summer," Miller said. "We will use the time to plan a new and better OLLI."

The OLLI Board of Members discussed the option and supports the decision to cancel summer programming.

"OLLI members are an incredibly loyal and enthusiastic group of lifelong learners," Miller noted. "These are the kind of small losses that disproportionally impact the community."

The OLLI web site will remain open and will provide information updates to past and present members on a regular basis, Miller said.

For questions and updates, visit http://www.olli.calpoly.edu/ or contact Miller at 805-756-2345.

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