New Home for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Beginning in the fall, Cal Poly’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) will be administered by the Robert E. Kennedy Library, and classes will be held in the library.

OLLI is a membership organization located at Cal Poly that provides a diverse and intellectually-stimulating array of non-credit lifelong learning programming for older learners (age 55 and older) in the San Luis Obispo area. Its programs are partially supported by an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

With the Robert E. Kennedy Library now administering the Cal Poly OLLI program, Library Dean Michael Miller says that changes to program offer a new beginning for the institute. “We have retained the services of Doris Derelian to be OLLI’s new Program Director,” said Miller.

Derelian is a professor with the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the former chair of the Food Science and Nutrition Department. She received a doctorate from UCLA and a law degree from UC Davis. She is a Fellow with the American Dietetic Association with specializations in nutrition and consumer awareness of health behaviors.

Derelian will seek input from OLLI members to determine course offerings for the fall term, developing new long-term strategies for curriculum and the overall long-term success of OLLI, suited to the needs and interests of the community.

For more information about OLLI, contact Susan Bratcher at 805-756-2345.

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