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Breakout Group notes

Curriculum Committee Meeting

November 16, 2022

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We did not have a lot of time after introducing ourselves, but agreed on a few ideas that we thought might maximize attendance and improve offerings.

* Assuming that OLLI members who take multiple courses are inclined to take courses in only a few subject areas, courses in the same subject area should be spread out among the time slots as evenly as possible. The proposal form should be revised to allow facilitators to indicate all their preferred time slots. The curriculum committee would take responsibility for minimizing overlap within one time slot.
* Similarly, for in-person courses, the classes should be spread out among time slots so that a person who only wants to attend in-person classes has more choices. We know that this might be difficult because in-person courses are more expensive to hold.
* We agreed that coordination among sites could strengthen overall offerings. For example, one site might have solid literature offerings but no writing facilitators, or good religion facilitators but be light in philosophy. Through coordination we should be able to provide broader range of courses throughout OLLI.