

**The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana
Staff Senate Proposal
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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana [MOLLI] is an educational program designed especially for those individuals who are over age 50. We offer a diverse collection of non-credit short courses that promote the lifelong learning and personal growth of older adults. These courses are offered in the fall, winter and spring. If you are over 50 and are curious about many topics, then MOLLI is the program for you. Our goal is to create an accessible and innovative learning environment so that older adults from all backgrounds and levels of education may pursue learning. It is truly learning for learning's sake, so no exams or grades are given.

MOLLI courses expose learners to Montana's best teachers, including emeritus and current faculty, as well as professionals from the community. Program offerings include lectures, ongoing discussions, short courses, and interest groups covering topics from the humanities, sciences and the arts, as well as community and regional issues.

MOLLI is a membership organization and the annual membership fee is \$20. It is effective from from July 1-June 30 each year and membership is required to take courses. Our members enjoy these benefits:

- Having the satisfaction of supporting MOLLI in its mission to promote lifelong learning and personal growth for adults +50
- Being part of the 1,000 member goal established by the Bernard Osher Foundation to ensure continued funding and eligibility for a \$2,000,000 endowment
- Having early enrollment opportunities in MOLLI courses
- Attending members' only events
- Having opportunities to volunteer to serve on member committees
- Buying special "MOLLI only" parking permits
- Receiving free transportation on the Park 'n Ride bus system
- Having access to financial aid, if necessary, to participate

Proposed Staff Senate MOLLI Discount

MOLLI is a part of Continuing Education at UM and, to recognize the devoted service that staff members give to the university, year in and year out, we are proposing to offer staff a discount on MOLLI courses. Staff members 50 years of age and older, who have the permission of their supervisors to participate, and who become members of MOLLI, will be able to enroll in courses for a 20% discount per course, or \$40. We welcome staff members to join our growing membership. Not only will you be receiving great courses offered by UM's leading faculty members, active and emeritus, you will be helping us reach our 1,000 member goal.

For additional information and to become a member, please contact

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