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The Senior College was started in 2002 by Al Hood and his merry band of faculty and staff. The concept was they would begin offering 5 or 6 courses per semester, costs would be minimal, and instructors would be paid an honorarium. The committee settled on a \$30 registration fee, which is what it remains today, some 15 years later, but our offerings per semester have grown considerably.

Thanks to Sharon Scheib's efforts we have (and maintain) two lists: courses by semester and courses by instructor name. It's a pretty impressive list!

Brochures are now sent to over 12,000 people (4,474 recipients by email and 7,919 by snail mail) in 26 counties in Iowa, and the District of Columbia (along with many places our fans winter, like Florida and California).

For the 2017-2018 academic year, we offered 10 courses in the fall and have 9 courses in progress this spring, with a total of 1294 registrants. That's up from 2016-17 when we had 1230 people registered for 21 courses. Our continuing growth means that some courses fill quickly, leaving many on the waiting lists. We're working on that in the sense that if it's possible to find larger classrooms without impacting the quality of the course, we try to do that. Just a hint: register early! And we're encouraging people who register for a course and find they won't be able to attend any of the classes to accept our offer of a full refund so we can offer a place in the class to the next lucky person on the waiting list.

H. Dee Hoover is our "dean" and has guided the organization through a year that saw considerable change. The Alumni Association had provided our administrative support for many years. This year the Alumni Association and the Foundation merged into the University of Iowa Center for Advancement. The Center continues to provide us with the same administrative support we received from the Alumni Association (printing and mailing the brochure, registration, and printing name tags).

We welcome ideas for new courses or other insights!