

Briefing Paper
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - Relocation
November 18, 2025

With a record number of students enrolling at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), the university is exploring the possibility of relocating the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) from the Ruby Gerontology Center (RGC) to help accommodate the growing need for classroom space. Titan Hall has been identified as one potential location, though no final decisions have been made about a permanent site.

OLLI and CSUF continue to enjoy a strong and trusted collaboration built over 47 years of a shared commitment to lifelong learning. Both are working closely and thoughtfully to ensure that OLLI remains an active and valued part of the CSUF campus community to address large classroom limitations and align with campus space needs.

The university has stated that this relocation is due to the admission of a record student body of over 45,000 this year (the largest in the CSU system) and the corresponding need for additional large classroom space.

OLLI has a mutual and positive understanding with the university that reflects our shared 47-year commitment to collaboration and student success. This is a deeply valued relationship that everyone wishes to continue by OLLI's continued presence on campus.

A joint Advisory Group has been formed to address key relocation issues and identify solutions that best serve everyone. We will shape a path forward that both honors OLLI's legacy and aligns with the university's mission and long-term needs through open, respectful and collaborative communications.

Chairing the group is John Beisner, CSUF Executive Director of Risk Management and Compliance along with Sean Walker, Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs, Academic Operations and Programs, and ex officio member to the OLLI Board of Trustees. The group has been tasked with developing a report to be sent to President Ronald Rochon for his review and decision.

The OLLI members on the Advisory Group include:

- **Vickie Hite** – President and lead representative in discussions with the university
- **Mike Stover** – Past President, instructor, and an author of the OLLI Long-Term Plan Update 2021-2026 – Expanded or Successor Facility
- **Ray Young** – Member and retired CSUF administrator with extensive experience in academic space planning and management
- **Susan Snell** – Long-time member, formerly on the OLLI Board of Trustees, and co-author of the OLLI parking and membership surveys and analysis
- **Giulio Ongaro** – Member and instructor as well as a university academic leader with 36 years of experience at multiple major institutions serving on committees and task forces

Several other OLLI members with relevant expertise will also serve as staff resources to support the process.

University personnel include:

- **John Beisner** – CSUF Executive Director of Risk Management and Compliance
- **Sean Walker** – Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs, Academic Operations and Programs, and ex officio member to the OLLI Board of Trustees.
- **Kristen Jasko** – Assistant Vice President of University Services
- **Laura Riegler** – Director, Planning, Design and Construction; Capital Programs and Facility Management
- **Hart Roussel** - Director of Planned Giving, University Advancement

The Advisory Group toured Titan Hall on Saturday Nov. 15. Upcoming meeting dates include November 18 and December 5.

OLLI will continue to strongly advocate to ensure that member needs are clearly communicated throughout the process. We are committed to keeping you informed and will share updates as discussions progress.

The university has extended the OLLI relocation timeline to no sooner than June 2026, allowing time for continued analysis and review.

OLLI is not underestimating the significance or complexity of this relocation. The OLLI Board and Advisory Group have heard member and supporter concerns loud and clear and are bringing them forward to the university for resolution. These include but are not limited to:

- Classroom, office and storage space equivalency to the RGC.
- Building access and emergency safety, as well as ADA access in general.
- How to minimize costs that would impact OLLI's finances and membership levels.
- Information technology parity, including state-of-the-art audio/video equipment.
- Need for a long-term understanding that defines OLLI's relationship to the university and occupancy, terms and conditions of use of Titan Hall if it is included in the final agreement.

Thank you for your faith and support. Please contact Vickie Hite at yhite418@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.