

**Follow Up to Question
Presented in Public Comment by Mr. Greg Gomel**

re: SAIL Program

Question: Why is the SAIL Program closed to new members?

Answer:

The SAIL Advisory Committee recommended a cap on the number of participants starting in Fall 2016 because they were unable to accommodate all the interested seniors with the facilities available at the Courtyard Center. A review and analysis of current operations is underway to determine how best to serve the senior population in Collin County in the future. Registration for 2017-2018 will begin in August for classes starting in September. SAIL serves between 1300 and 1400 participants annually.

Question: Are there opportunities to expand the program?

Vice President Jennifer Blalock and Sr. Vice President Sherry Schumann are working on a plan to grow and expand the SAIL program to respond to the increasing senior population in Collin County. Plans include offering opportunities to seniors at other campuses and the possibility of creating a career training program for 55+. Regular classroom availability may be limited; however, they are investigating the use of conference centers and large classrooms for specific events or speakers. Additionally, Dr. Blalock plans to reach out to area organizations to see if she can speak to the groups to share information about future plans and respond to questions.

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