Teaching Academy Executive Council
Minutes
November 14, 2014

Members Present:
Mario Beruvides, Shannon Bichard, Joaquin Borrego, Kathryn Button, Dominick Casadonte, Peter Dotray, Suzanne Tapp, Susan Tomlinson

Members Not Present:
Jennifer Bard, Janice Killian, Deborah Fowler, Bill Pasewark, John White

Approval of minutes:
Susan Tomlinson moved to approve the minutes from October 24, 2014. Dominick Casadonte seconded. All approved.

Welcome:
Shannon Bichard welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

New Business:

Provost’s Council
Shannon Bichard announced that the Provost’s Council meeting was moved to November 17th, so she will give the update at the next meeting.

Revisions to OP 32.13 and OP 32.24
Shannon Bichard passed out suggested revisions to OP 32.24 and the committee discussed additional revisions and wording. Shannon Bichard will send the suggested changes to both OP 32.13 (from last fiscal year) and OP 32.24 to the Provost. The Teaching Academy Executive Council recommends the following clarifications made to Faculty Awards OP 32.24:

- Under 1: Policy section, modify the *footnote to say, “The Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award (please adhere to the procedures, criteria checklist, and required nomination form in OP 32.13) is coordinated by the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President.”

- Under 6: modify the paragraph to say, “The Faculty Awards Nomination form (Attachment A) should be followed for each nomination except for the Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award (which is addressed in OP 32.13), the Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Research Award (which is addressed in OP 32.21), the Barnie E. Rushing, Jr. Faculty Distinguished Research Award (which is addressed in Attachment B), and the President’s Faculty Book Award (which is addressed in Attachment C). Contact the Teaching Academy for information regarding the application process for the Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award.”

Teaching Academy #teachntell Campaign
Shannon Bichard talked to Bill Pasewark about a promotional video. He will try to find out who to contact and what it takes to get the process started with Communications and Marketing. The committee also discussed creating a flyer with “tweets” from the t-shirt promotion.

Old Business:

Meeting with Chancellor Duncan/Spring Event
Due to the expense of renting space and the limited budget of the Teaching Academy, it was suggested that the Teaching Academy host a “coffee” in lieu of a more formal event with Chancellor Duncan. Kimberly Leigh noted that the room rental for the Matador Room in the Student Union building is $75.00. Dominick Casadonte suggested that hot tea should also be offered for those who do not drink coffee. The TLPDC co-hosted “Why Teaching Matters”, a similar event with President Nellis, with the Teaching Academy and Faculty Senate. Suzanne Tapp suggested that the Teaching Academy do the same for this event. Shannon Bichard will initiate a conversation with the Faculty Senate about this possibility. It was suggested that Chancellor Duncan speak about the importance of teaching.

Announcements:
Suzanne Tapp gave an update about the NBC Learn event. There were over 100 attendees during the 6 sessions offered.

Remaining Fall Meeting Dates:
December 5th

Adjourn
Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Leigh