

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes

January 26, 2024

Members Present:

Nancy Soonpaa (Acting Chair), Fanni Coward, David Roach, Mitzi Ziegner, Lisa Garner Santa, Belinda Kleinhans, Katie Langford, Ameri Gurley, Suzanne Tapp

Members Not Present:

Karen Alexander, Cindy Akers, Andrew Stetson, Charles Crews, Rob Stewart, John Masselli

Approval of Minutes:

Mitzi moved to approve the minutes from December 8th; Fanni seconded. The council approved the December minutes.

Definition of Teaching Excellence Feedback

The definition has been under development for over a year and this is a 3rd iteration. There are four pillars to the definition and this effort was led by Courtney Meyers and Lisa Low. The Burns conference featured a workshop that helped to influence this draft. The initiative is asking for an endorsement from the Teaching Academy, Provost, President, Deans Council, and Faculty Senate. Suzanne shared a copy of the definition and a chart that shows examples for how it could be used. This is not to be used as a mandate or strict policy, but meant as a guide, particularly for assessment. New student feedback form questions align with the four pillars for consistency. The council shared their positive feedback and Nancy suggested that parenthesis should be used around the words “when appropriate” in the Student-Centered paragraph to make it clear that collaborative work is not a strict requirement.

Fanni moved to endorse the definition as amended; Ameri seconded. The council all approved and the motion passed.

Announcements

1. New Member applications open February 7th and closes March 13th. Recommendation letters are due March 22nd.
2. The 20th annual Advancing Teaching & Learning Conference will be held virtually on February 9th with Laura Dumin.
3. The President’s Excellence in Faculty Peer Mentorship Award has been approved and will be announced to all faculty next week.

Adjourn:

Belinda moved to adjourn the meeting; Ameri seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Jacobs.