

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes August 29, 2014

Members Present:

Shannon Bichard, Mario Beruvides, Dominick Casadonte, Peter Dotray, Deborah Fowler, Janice Killian, William Pasewark, Susan Tomlinson, Suzanne Tapp

Members Not Present:

Jennifer Bard, Joaquin Borrego, Kathryn Button

Approval of minutes:

The Minutes from May 2, 2014 were approved.

Welcome:

Shannon Bichard welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

Old Business:

Architecture

The Executive Council still needs a representative from the College of Architecture. Shannon Bichard requested that Kimberly Leigh, TLPDC Administrative Assistant, send a list of eligible Teaching Academy members from the College of Architecture to her, so that she can contact them directly.

Meeting with President Nellis

Shannon Bichard suggested that the Teaching Academy host a cocktail hour with the Chancellor, President, and Academic Deans in the spring.

New Business:

Provost's Council

Shannon Bichard reviewed her notes from the Provost's Council meeting. She announced changes coming for graduate insurance. Dominick Casadonte provided some additional information. Bill Pasewark spoke about the Pathway Program. Shannon Bichard showed the Executive Council the new Texas Tech University Teaching Evaluation forms.

Burns Conference

Shannon Bichard reminded the committee that the 13th Annual Burns Conference will be held on September 19th at the TLPDC. The guest speaker is Peter Elbow, Professor of English Emeritus at UMass Amherst. Shannon Bichard will draft an email to be sent to members of the Teaching Academy to boost enrollment. Suzanne Tapp requested volunteers to assist with Peter Elbow during his visit. Members of the Executive Council signed up to join for dinner and assist with transportation.

Teaching Academy T-Shirts

Shannon Bichard revealed the design for the new Teaching Academy t-shirts. She spoke about #TTUTEACHNTELL, which is a hashtag designed to inspire TTU Faculty to post teaching tips and stories on Facebook and Twitter. The Executive Council and the TLPDC will gather the tweets and use them to marketing this promotion through the year. Dominick Casadonte suggested that the Executive

Council specify a day for all Teaching Academy Members to wear their shirts. The shirts will be revealed at the business meeting following the Induction Ceremony. See Announcement below.

Graduation

Shannon Bichard asked for volunteers to represent the Teaching Academy during Fall Commencement. Kimberly Leigh, TLPDC Administrative Assistant, will send the list to Peggy Flores. Shannon Bichard asked about medallions for representatives to wear during commencement. Suzanne Tapp suggested that Kimberly Leigh contact Casey Harmon in the Chancellor's office.

Looking Forward

Shannon Bichard asked the Executive Council if they would like to continue with the Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarships. All were in favor. Shannon Bichard will confirm that the Executive Council will be receiving the additional funds as promised by the Provost's office.

Announcements:

Suzanne Tapp recapped the Teaching Foundations workshop that was held on August 20th at the TLPDC. The event was a success and more than 80% of new faculty members attended.

Suzanne Tapp gave a description of the TeMPO program to the new members of the Executive Council and gave a progress update. There are 8 pairs of Fellows and Mentors. The first session in the yearlong fellowship will be held in October. Drs. Audra Morse and Allison Boye co-lead this program.

Shannon Bichard announced that the Teaching Academy Induction Ceremony will be held on September 18th at the TLPDC. A business meeting will immediately follow the ceremony.

Shannon Bichard had members of the Executive Council sign up to bring snacks for the Fall meetings.

Fall Meeting Dates:

August 29th

September 26th

October 24th

November 14th

December 5th

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Leigh