

Teaching Academy Executive Council

Minutes

February 22, 2013

Members Present:

Jennifer Bard, Shannon Bichard, Donna Davis, Gary Elbow, Jeff Johnson, Audra Morse, Suzanne Tapp

Members Not Present:

Gary Bell, Kathryn Button, Michael Dini, Deborah Fowler, Janice Killian, Elizabeth Louden

Welcome:

Audra welcomed Jason Rinaldo (Rawls College of Business).

Approval of minutes:

Minutes from February 1, 2013 were distributed. Jennifer Bard moved that the minutes be approved. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Teacher Mentoring through Peer Observation (TeMPO) – Audra Morse

Dr. Rob Stewart has approved TeMPO with revisions. The Vice Provosts will now review the program.

DETA Process – Audra Morse

The DETA Selection Committee met. The winner is the Criminal Clinical Program, School of Law.

Standing Orders – Audra Morse

We are still working on them.

Burns Conference

Ashley Finley, Senior Director of Assessment and Research at the Association of American College and Universities (AAC&U) will be our speaker on October 4th. She would like some feedback about what her talk should look like. Sessions might include topics such as *how to hit a moving target; looking before you leap; civic learning*. The morning session could be global and the afternoon session be applied. Jennifer Bard stated that she would like a “how-to” in one of the sessions.

Teaching Evaluations – Jason Rinaldo

Jason asked the committee to consider what our actual target is. What is the purpose of the teaching evaluation? What we currently have isn't well connected to our goals. The students don't know a lot of the information that is being asked of them. They do know the overall effectiveness of the instructor. Do the students need to hear about the research of faculty members? Is the information gathered supposed to help the faculty improve? Will this information be used in tenure and promotion? Jason stated that rapport is so very important. Written comments are of great value, also. We might consider expanding the term *effective*. Gary Elbow stated that responsible, responsive, professional behavior is important in tenure and promotion. We need to look at red flag issues – list examples. Shannon Bichard agrees that the last three items listed in the University of Virginia's evaluation hits everything. Gary Elbow would like to see a question on syllabi. Jason emphasized that we need to do away with questions that don't perform well. Shannon Bichard, Gary Elbow, Katie Button, Deborah Fowler and Suzanne Tapp will serve on a teaching evaluation sub-committee.

Announcements:

New Member applications

New member applications are due April 1st.

Upcoming Meetings:

Future meetings:

- i. March 22nd
- ii. April 12th
- iii. May 10th
- iv. Spring meeting determined upon selection of DETA winner

Adjourn

Gary Elbow moved to adjourn. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Sansom