

Teaching Academy Executive Council

Minutes

January 29, 2016

Members Present:

Bill Pasewark, Scott Burris, Shannon Bichard, Shane Blum, Suzanne Tapp, Comfort Pratt, John White, Nancy Soonpaa

Members Not Present: Mario Beruvides, Joaquin Borrego, Lisa Garner-Santa, Susan Tomlinson, Dominick Casadonte

Approval of minutes:

Scott Burris moved to approve the minutes from November 20th. Comfort Pratt seconded. All approved.

Welcome:

Bill Pasewark welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

New Business:

Provost's Council

Bill Pasewark gave a brief summary of the recent Provost's Council meeting. The University conducted a faculty research needs survey with a response rate of only 20%. This survey asked questions regarding barriers to applying for and implementing grants. The results centered around time to work on grant needs and infrastructure issues, including competing for lab space. There is talk of redistributing the survey to increase response rates. Darryl James discussed the strategic plan and plans for the future, including college-level responsibilities. Bill Pasewark noted that Texas Tech has a contract with EAB providing student analytics and data for college use.

Spring "Spirited" Discussion- Topic Discussion

Bill Pasewark initiated discussion on the topic for the Spring TA event. The committee reviewed the previous Spirited Discussion in order to improve including attendance issues. The TLPDC will develop an introductory video comprised of student interviews to begin the panel discussion. Member of the EC were asked to submit names of potential student panelists to Bill Pasewark.

Announcements:

Suzanne Tapp announced that the Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference will be held on March 4, 2016. Dr. Stephen Brookfield will be the keynote speaker, and there will be seven concurrent sessions.

DETA is due February 1st. It will be collected in hard copy this year in hopes of moving to electronic submission in the future.

The Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarship Selection Committee will meet February 1st. The TLPDC will send a list of the scheduled workshops from the 2015 scholarship recipients.

New Member applications will be due April 1st. Online application system is in the final testing phase and should be live on March 1st.

The Executive Committee briefly re-visited non-tenure track faculty and membership in the TA. This issue may be re-visited in the future.

Meeting Schedule for Spring, 2016 (Meetings will now be held from 3-4):

April 29th

May 13th

Adjourn

Shannon Bichard moved to adjourn. Shane Blum seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Kerri Pike