

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes March 27, 2015

Members Present:

Shannon Bichard, Kathryn Button, Dominick Casadonte, Peter Dotray, Janice Killian, Bill Pasewark, John White, Suzanne Tapp

Members Not Present:

Jennifer Bard, Mario Beruvides, Joaquin Borrego, Deborah Fowler, Susan Tomlinson

Approval of minutes:

Janice Killian moved to approve the minutes from February 20, 2015. John White seconded. All approved.

Welcome:

Shannon Bichard welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

New Business:

Provost's Council

Shannon Bichard was not able to attend the March Provost's Council meeting. However, she did go over the agenda. The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The SACSCOC accreditation review team was on campus February 24th-26th and an update was to be given at the meeting.

Burns Conference 2015

Suzanne Tapp asked the Executive Council for guest speaker recommendations. Suzanne had 3 suggestions: Susan Wolcott (Binghamton University), Mary Ann Winkelmes (University of Nevada), and Derek Bruff (Vanderbilt). Susan's focus is on critical thinking and assessment. Mary Ann's focus is on communication in the classroom and transparency in teaching and learning. Derek's focus is on visual thinking. The Executive Council will invite Dr. Bruff to speak at the Burns Conference. Suzanne Tapp will make the proposal and report back to the Executive Council.

Old Business:

Teaching Academy Member Medallions

Suzanne Tapp gave an update on the status of the medallion order. The medallions have been approved. An email went out to all Teaching Academy members and 124 members were interested in purchasing a medallion. The order was placed for the 124 engraved medallions and 26 blank (extra) medallions for a total of 150. Shannon Bichard asked if there was a chance that they would be delivered in time for the DETA ceremony. Suzanne Tapp will check and make that request.

Teaching Academy #ttuteachntell Campaign

Shannon Bichard is working with Nathan Edgar from TTU Marketing. Shannon Bichard announced to the group that she, Mark Webb, Mayukh Dass, John White, and Janice Killian were filmed for the promotional video on Tuesday, February 24th. Shannon Bichard played the videos for the group. The videos will be added to the Teaching Academy website and debuted at the Spring meeting and DETA ceremony.

Shannon Bichard would like flyers to go out that quote some of the "tweets" that have been posted by Teaching Academy Members, and would like to have another t-shirt day. The date for the t-shirt day and DETA ceremony, which was approved by the Department of History, is Friday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Chancellor Duncan/Spring Event

The Teaching Academy partnered with the TLPDC and the Faculty Senate to co-sponsor a coffee event for TTU Faculty featuring Robert Duncan, the Chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. Chancellor Duncan spoke to the Texas Tech faculty with his thoughts about the value of teaching and an update about the current state of higher education in Texas as well as updates regarding the TTU system. The event was held at 9:30 am in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building on March 27th. There were 91 in attendance.

Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award & Selection Committee

The DETA Ceremony, honoring the Department of History, will be held on Friday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Spring Business Meeting.

New Teaching Academy Member Applications

New Member applications are due Wednesday, April 1st.

Peter Dotray asked the committee about a particular faculty member in his department that is not tenured or tenure-track, but is a professor of practice and a deserving teacher. Based on the current bylaws, he is not eligible to apply for membership in the Teaching Academy. It was suggested that the Executive Council revisit the discussion of eligibility for Professors of Practice and non-tenure eligible full-time faculty members. There were 2 different suggestions: an online survey to poll the Teaching Academy constituency, and the creation of a new subcommittee to examine the issue. Suzanne Tapp suggested that perhaps Rob Stewart, Senior Vice Provost and Teaching Academy member, would be willing to serve as chair, given his proximity to discussions concerning professors of practice.

Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarships Selection Committee

Suzanne Tapp met with Genevieve Durham DeCesaro, chair of the new committee to go over the process. She asked that the deadline for applications be changed from Wednesday, April 15, 2015 to Friday, April 17th.

Kimberly Leigh will email the committee the applications and scoring spreadsheet, once the deadline passes. The committee will meet on Friday, May 1st to make their final selections.

Announcements:

Spring Meeting Dates-
April 24, 2015- DETA
May 8, 2015

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Leigh