

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes October 24, 2014

Members Present:

Shannon Bichard, Joaquin Borrego, Dominick Casadonte, Peter Dotray, Janice Killian, Suzanne Tapp, Susan Tomlinson, John White

Members Not Present:

Jennifer Bard, Mario Beruvides, Kathryn Button, Deborah Fowler, Bill Pasewark

Approval of minutes:

Dominick Casadonte moved to approve the minutes from September 26, 2014. Janice Killian seconded. All approved.

Welcome:

Shannon Bichard welcomed the members of the Executive Council, including the newest member from Architecture, John White.

New Business:

Provost's Council

Shannon Bichard gave a QEP update summary from the Provost's Council meeting. She stated that the QEP is developing a writing and communication campaign with expansion of the writing intensive designation. In the meeting, the Provost announced that the university had purchased NBC Learn HigherEd. Suzanne Tapp gave a brief explanation of NBC Learn, which is a large collection of high quality videos that have been captioned and made accessible for all faculty and students. Suzanne Tapp also invited the group to join in on one of the five (5) sessions on Monday, November 10th. Shannon Bichard showed the group the Provost's office updated website, which highlights "Current Initiatives & White Papers." During the meeting, the Provost discussed a conflict with a Big 12 game which could potentially fall on a final exam day in Fall 2015 and possible plans to revise the fall schedule.

Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award

The Executive Council, along with Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo (one of last year's recipients) and Michael Farmer (President, Faculty Senate) reviewed the nominations and made recommendations. Shannon Bichard will notify Provost Schovanec of the recommended selections.

Revisions to OP 32.13 and OP 32.24

Shannon Bichard and Suzanne Tapp discovered that there are conflicting procedures for the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award. There are two related OPs: Faculty Awards, OP 32.24, and the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award, OP 32.13. The most significant conflict is that there are two different cover sheets. The committee discussed the differences and possible revisions. The Executive Council will review these revisions and discuss this further at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Meeting with Chancellor Duncan/Spring Event

There was discussion regarding a spring event for the Teaching Academy. Kimberly Leigh will gather information regarding room rental costs and previous expenses from events such as "Why Teaching Matters" with President Nellis.

Announcements:

Shannon Bichard announced that materials would go out at the beginning of November for the Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award. Applications are due February 2, 2015.

Remaining Fall Meeting Dates:

November 14th

December 5th

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Leigh