

Teaching Academy Executive Council

Minutes

September 18, 2015

Members Present:

Mario Beruvides, Shannon Bichard, Dominick Casadonte, Lisa Garner-Santa, Bill Pasewark, Comfort Pratt, John White, Suzanne Tapp, Susan Tomlinson

Members Not Present: Shane Blum, Joaquin Borrego, Scott Burris, Nancy Soonpaa

Approval of minutes:

Dominick Casadonte moved to approve the minutes from August 28th. Comfort Pratt seconded. All approved.

Welcome:

Bill Pasewark welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

New Business:

Provost's Council

There was no Provost's Council Meeting

Incoming Chair Election

Shane Blum will serve as Chair of the Teaching Academy Executive Council for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Burns Conference and Boosting Attendance and TLPDC and TA Events

Suzanne Tapp reminded the group about the Burns Conference to be held on September 25th and noted that the keynote speaker, Derek Bruff, will be recording a podcast and taping a note-taking video. The committee discussed ways to increase attendance at the Burns Conference. Suggestions included:

- Marketing to graduate students (who would, in turn, bring faculty)
- Encouraging members to Include attendance on CVs
- Offering continuing education credits
- Offering participation "credits" for TA members/Certificates for high levels of attendance (copied to deans/chairs)
- Creating a scholarly journal related to SoTL
- Livestreaming events
- Hosting TA events within departments

Old Business:

Wine and Cheese Event- "Spirited" Discussion about Teaching

The Teaching Academy plans to host 1 event in the Fall semester and 2 events in the Spring semester.

Suggested Topics:

- Future Demographics of Higher Ed
- New Graduate and Undergraduate Programs
- Texas Tech - 40K enrollment goal
- Higher Ed in 5 years
- How are funds used in your department?
- University Financials
- Creativity in the Classroom
- Work/Life Balance

A panel discussion was suggested as the format and work/life balance was selected as the topic. Bill Pasewark asked for panelist suggestions (suggestions included Courtney Meyers, Audra and Stephen Morse, and Bill Pasewark).

Topics Specifically Related to Work/Life Balance:

- Unusual schedules depending on discipline
- Teaching while dealing with aging parents
- Single parents
- Working couples with children

Announcements:

Suzanne Tapp reminded the EC about the two TA sponsored workshops to be held at the TLPDC, given by Dimitri Pappas and Nichole Morelock

Kimberly Leigh passed around a sign-up sheet for upcoming commencement ceremonies.

Meeting Schedule for Fall, 2015:

October 30th

November 20th

December 4th

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Leigh