

# Teaching Academy Executive Council

## Minutes

### April 29, 2016

#### **Members Present:**

Bill Pasewark, Lisa Garner-Santa, Suzanne Tapp, Nancy Soonpaa, Shane Blum, Scott Burris, John White, Mario Beruvides, Shannon Bichard, Comfort Pratt

**Members Not Present:** Dominick Casadonte, Joaquin Borrego, Susan Tomlinson

#### **Approval of minutes:**

Scott Burris moved to approve the minutes from April 29<sup>th</sup>. Shane Blum seconded. All approved.

#### **Welcome:**

Bill Pasewark welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

#### **New Business:**

##### *Provost's Council Update*

Bill Pasewark reported on several changes being considered. The writing intensive requirement is being changed to communication literacy, in part due to influence from the QEP. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has a new requirement regarding deification of marketable skills for every major. Dr. Genevieve DeCesaro will be invited to the next Teaching Academy Executive Council meeting to discuss these changes. Changes in phone billing were briefly discussed. The Forum on Teaching Excellence made implications for the Teaching Academy to have more of a presence on campus, specifically with peer reviews of teaching. The change to online teaching evaluations was also discussed and committee members raised concerns about the possibility of low response rates. September 29<sup>th</sup> is an evening football game and Pasewark reminded members that each college needs to come up with a plan for afternoon classes. The final discussion from the Provost's Council was text book orders. TTU is obtaining a new contract with B & N to match costs with Amazon but not any 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors on Amazon.

##### *Professors of Practice*

Committee members discussed membership eligibility requirements for Teaching Academy membership. Pasewark proposed that committee members ask for feedback from Teaching Academy members in their colleges and departments. This item will be discussed at the next Teaching Academy Executive Council meeting.

##### *Spirited Discussion Update*

Although attendance was moderate for the Spirited Discussion held in mid-April, the student panel was excellent. Bill Pasewark thanked all who attended and would like feedback on discussion to be provided to Shane Blum.

#### **Announcements:**

Teaching Academy Executive Council members who are interested in serving as the Chair Elect for 2016-2017 are asked to contact Pasewark.

#### **Adjourn**

Comfort Pratt moved to adjourn. Shannon Bichard seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Esther Saldivar