

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes

January 27, 2023

Members Present:

Lisa Garner Santa (Chair), David Roach, Rob Stewart, Dominick Casadonte, Tara Stevens, Nancy Soonpaa, Ameri Gurley, Karen Alexander, Katie Langford, Courtney Meyers, Mitzi Ziegner, Susan Tomlinson, Suzanne Tapp

Members Not Present:

John Masselli, Andrew Stetson

Approval of Minutes:

Karen Alexander made a correction on the November minutes. She noted that she and Mitzi Ziegner are gathering peer observation tools, not creating. Dom moved to approve the minutes from November 18, 2022 and the correction; Susan seconded. The council approved the minutes.

Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarships Selection

Shane Blum gave a report on the scholarship selection committee's results from December. Six applicants were selected and were each awarded \$1,500. The committee would like to suggest that a text box be added to the application to note whether the applicant will be presenting or just attending the conference, that the name of the applicant be stated on the review form to avoid extra typing, and that the maximum amount of funds that an applicant receives be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000. This increase would not be an increase to the total scholarship funds of \$9,000. The committee agreed to update the first two requests.

Council Vote on Funding

Courtney Meyers moved that the Lawrence Schovanec teaching development scholarship committee can award a max of \$2000 per recipient. Mitzi second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Lisa Garner Santa and Suzanne Tapp agreed to look at the budget and yearly costs to request increased funding for the Schovanec Scholarships and for the total Teaching Academy yearly budget.

Critical Teaching Behaviors Framework

Lisa introduced a framework created by Claudia Cornejo Happel and Lauren Barbeau. Lisa is working to set up a meeting with the authors to discuss how this could be applied at Texas Tech. Several council members suggested bringing in the authors to speak at a future conference.

Student Evaluation Committee

Suzanne shared that this committee presented to the Faculty Senate on January 11, 2023. They hope to recommend student facing, faculty facing, and administrative facing changes to the President's Office and Provost's Office by May. They plan to present their work to other stakeholder groups on campus this spring before going back to the Faculty Senate for a vote on the proposed questions.

Updates:

1. The Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award applications
 - Due Friday, January 27th by 5:00pm.
2. Tea & Teaching Gatherings
 - Tuesday, February 7th from 10:00-11:00
 - Wednesday, April 5th from 2:00-3:00
3. The 19th Annual Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference
 - Friday, February 24th from 10:30-2:45.
 - Two sessions led by James Lang based off his book Distracted
4. One Mic, One Table: A Community Gathering for Faculty and Staff
 - March 2, 4-6:30pm, TLPDC Lobby
 - Food, Music, and Storytelling
 - Sponsored by the TA, TLPDC, Office of Faculty Success, and the College Music Society Nourish Project
5. Teaching Academy New Member
 - Applications open February 6th
 - Applications are due March 21st. Nomination/Recommendation letters are due March 31st

Adjourn:

Lisa adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Jacobs.