

## **Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes**

### **March 31, 2023**

#### **Members Present:**

Lisa Garner Santa (Chair), David Roach, Karen Alexander, John Masselli, Dominick Casadonte, Nancy Soonpaa, Courtney Meyers, Katie Langford, Suzanne Tapp

#### **Members Not Present:**

Susan Tomlinson, Rob Stewart, Tara Stevens, Ameri Gurley, Mitzi Ziegner, Rob Stewart, Andrew Stetson

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Courtney moved to approve the minutes from March 3, 2023; Dom seconded. The council approved the minutes.

#### **Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award Language Update**

In March, Lisa moved via email to approve additional language to the Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award application. The council voted via email to approve the following language:

*Questions regarding eligibility concerns should be directed to the Chair of the Teaching Academy for discussion by the Executive Council two months before the application due date. Units not officially designated as "department" or "school" in their title, must clearly articulate why and how they are considered "equivalent."*

#### **Chair Elect Nominations**

Lisa reminded the council that they need to choose a new Chair Elect for Fall 2023. She encouraged the council to submit nominations before the last meeting in April.

#### **Budget Increase**

Lisa plans to request additional funding from the Office of the Provost for the Teaching Academy to support the Burns Conference and other initiatives. She also requested funding for a new award to recognize teaching mentors.

**Updates:**

1. Committee nominations open Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. The last Tea & Teaching gathering is Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00
3. The Path to Equity: Yoga and Action with Dianne Bondy
  - Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00
  - Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 11:30-2:00
4. DETA Ceremony for Community, Family, & Addiction Sciences is Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The Teaching Academy Spring Business meeting will follow and the Student Evaluation Committee would like to present updates and ask for feedback.

**New Business**

Dom was asked to support an applicant for Teaching Academy membership and this faculty member was in the process of completing their 6<sup>th</sup> semester at Texas Tech. He asked if the council would consider accepting someone completing their 6<sup>th</sup> semester if they met other qualifications like having extensive teaching experience or having received high profile awards on campus. The council discussed potential reasons for or against this and ultimately decided to maintain the current rule that 6 long semesters had to already be completed before faculty could apply.

**Adjourn:**

Lisa adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Jacobs.