

Teaching Academy Executive Council
Minutes
March 25, 2016

Members Present:

Bill Pasewark, Lisa Garner-Santa, Suzanne Tapp, Joaquin Borrego, Nancy Soonpaa, Susan Tomlinson, Shane Blum, Scott Burris

Members Not Present: Dominick Casadonte, John White, Mario Beruvides, Shannon Bichard, Comfort Pratt

Approval of minutes:

Suzanne Tapp moved to approve the minutes from February 26. Shane Blum seconded. All approved.

Welcome:

Bill Pasewark welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

New Business:

Provost's Council

Dr. Pasewark gave a report from the Provost's Council meeting and noted that the Provost's Office is hosting a series of teaching forums to discuss teaching excellence and initiatives on our campus. He also discussed the history of the proposed TTU Veterinary School and Texas Tech's plans to move forward with a location possibly in Amarillo.

Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarship update

Dr. Pasewark followed up on his conversation with the Provost concerning the Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarship Committee. Currently, one scholarship is designated to a Teaching Academy member. This scholarship should be awarded to the most deserving recipients, regardless of Teaching Academy membership. The second concern regarding minimum length of service required before an award can be received was tabled for further discussion.

TA Application process update

The TLPDC does not have a full time programmer so we rely on a graduate assistant programmers to update and maintain applications. The TA applications deadline was extended to April 15th due to programming issues.

Professors of Practice

Committee members discussed membership eligibility requirements for Teaching Academy membership. This issue was tabled for further consideration.

Spirited Discussion Update

The Spirited Discussion will be held in mid-April and Dr. Pasewark already has 4 panelists confirmed. 2-3 more are wanted and committee members were asked to submit additional names.

Announcements:

The DETA awards ceremony is scheduled for April 27th at 3pm. Ms. Tapp reminded the group of the upcoming Schovanec teaching sessions at the TLPDC.

Meeting Schedule for Spring, 2016 (Meetings will now be held from 3-4pm):

April 29th

May 13th

Adjourn

Susan Tomlinson moved to adjourn. Suzanne Tapp seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Esther Saldivar