

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes December 6, 2024

Members Present:

Nancy Soonpaa, Jeffrey Harper, David Roach, Charles Crews, Suzanne Tapp, Belinda Kleinhans, Shane Blum, Cindy Akers, Katie Langford, Fanni Coward, John Masselli

Members Not Present:

Andrew Stetson, Rob Stewart, Karen Alexander, Ameri Gurley

Welcome and Group Activity:

Nancy Soonpaa led the council in a group activity called “What I wish my teacher knew” as an example of what instructors could do in class to get to know and support their students.

Approval of Minutes:

Katie Langford moved to approve the minutes from October 25th; Belinda Kleinhans seconded. The council approved the October minutes.

Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarship Committee Report

Kevin Wass submitted a written report from the committee after their selection process. The committee received strong applications and awarded six scholarships. The committee would like clear guidance on how to consider applicants who have already received the scholarship. There was discussion on whether it should be taken year by year or if a rule should be set in place. Fanni Coward moved to include the following language in the application process:

“Those who have received the scholarship will be eligible to apply again two years after being awarded.”

Nine members voted for the motion, two voted against the motion. The motion passed.

The standing committee also requested more funding and can do so by submitting a proposal for increased funding.

Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award Application Form

Molly Jacobs drafted a new format for the Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award online application and shared it with the council. This draft is based on the council’s discussion in October. Suggestions were made in an attempt to help applicants stay within the formatting guidelines. The council reviewed the new form and requested to return to this discussion in the Spring.

Updates

Suzanne Tapp gave an update on the migration to Canvas. All faculty now have access and there are some early adopters for the Spring semester. TTU Online will communicate the timeline with faculty throughout the Spring and Suzanne will continue to update the council as needed.

Adjourn:

Jeffrey Harper moved to adjourn; Belinda Kleinhans seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Molly Jacobs.