

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 3rd.
2. The last Tea & Teaching gathering is Wednesday, April 5th from 2:00-3:00
3. The Path to Equity: Yoga and Action with Dianne Bondy
 - Thursday, April 6th 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00
 - Friday, April 7th 11:30-2:00
4. DETA Ceremony for Community, Family, & Addiction Sciences is Friday, May 5th 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 6th semester at Texas Tech. He asked if the council would consider accepting someone completing their 6th 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.