# Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes May 2, 2014

# **Members Present:**

Jennifer Bard, Shannon Bichard, Dominick Casadonte, Peter Dotray, Gary Elbow, Kathryn Button, Audra Morse, William Pasewark, Suzanne Tapp

# **Members Not Present:**

Gary Bell, Deborah Fowler, Janice Killian, Elizabeth Louden

# **Approval of minutes:**

Minutes from April 4, 2014 were distributed. Jennifer Bard moved that the minutes be approved. All in favor.

## Welcome:

Jennifer Bard welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

# **Old Business:**

## Teaching Scholarships

The Teaching Scholarships that will be awarded by the Teaching Academy have been named the Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Fellowships. The Provost's Office will assist with marketing the availability of these fellowships with the Deans, Provost's Council, and other offices throughout the university. Dominick Casadonte initiated a discussion of the difference between a teaching and an education conference. Jennifer Bard will distribute the final email wording to the Executive Council for approval and then market with the members of the Teaching Academy.

#### Meeting with President Nellis

The meeting that was scheduled to take place with President Nellis during this Executive Council meeting was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Shannon Bichard, incoming chair, will work to schedule a meeting with President Nellis, Provost Schovanec, Provost's Council, and the new Chancellor during the Fall, 2014 semester. Dominick Casadonte suggested that the Executive Council invite representatives from TTUHSC and Angelo State University for the meeting with the Chancellor, so that all campuses in the systems are represented.

## **New Business:**

## Voting for Chair Elect

Jennifer Bard expressed desire to continue Past-Present-Future chair organization. Jennifer Bard nominated William (Bill) Pasewark to serve as Chair Elect. Kathryn Button seconded the nomination. All approved.

#### Acknowledgement of Service

Jennifer Bard presented Audra Morse, Past Chair, with a plaque for her service as chair. The plaque reads:

Texas Tech University Teaching Academy Dr. Audra N. Morse In appreciation for distinguished service as a member and chair of the Teaching Academy's Executive Council 2011-2014

Jennifer Bard presented Gary Elbow with a certificate for his service as a member of the Executive Council. The certificate reads:

Awarded to Gary Elbow, Ph.D. for your distinguished service as a member of the Teaching Academy Executive Council 2011-2014 Texas Tech University Teaching Academy

Fall Meetings

Jennifer Bard opened the floor for discussion about dates and locations for the fall Executive Council Meetings. It was suggested that the meetings alternate days of the week. This will allow for more members of the Executive Council to attend the monthly meetings.

## **Announcements:**

Jennifer Bard announced that the New Member Selection Committee would be meeting on May 5, 2014 to discuss applicants, including qualifications of membership.

Jennifer Bard announced that Peter Elbow had accepted the Teaching Academy's invitation to be the keynote speaker for the Burns Conference. The Burns Conference will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the TLPDC.

Audra Morse announced that the TeMPO Program had been approved to receive additional monies for the program for FY15. Funding for the program will come from the Provost's Office and from the TLPDC. A call for nominations for FY15 was distributed by Allison Boye and Audra Morse.

Jennifer Bard announced that Kimberly Leigh, Administrative Assistant for the TLPDC and Teaching Academy, initiated the election procedures for the Executive Council. Four (4) members of the Executive Council are rotating off of the Executive Council. Jennifer Bard will share the election results with the Executive Council. Plans will be made in advance to fill the DETA and New Member Selection Committee openings.

Jennifer Bard will send the graduation schedule and reminders to the Executive Council.

Jennifer Bard gave her best wishes to incoming Chair, Shannon Bichard.

# Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Tapp