

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes
November 17, 2023

Members Present:

Karen Alexander (Chair), Charles Crews, Lisa Garner Santa, Belinda Kleinhans, Rob Stewart, Cindy Akers, Suzanne Tapp

Members Not Present:

David Roach, Mitzi Ziegner, Nancy Soonpaa, Andrew Stetson, Fanni Coward, Katie Langford, John Masselli

Approval of Minutes:

The council did not have a quorum and will approve the minutes at the next meeting.

DETA Eligibility

The council discussed requiring that past recipients wait ten years before applying for the award again. There was discussion about making exceptions for departments that undergo major changes before that ten-year limit and the council agreed that if a recent recipient applied, the application would need to be completely new and show significant change. The council will create new language for the DETA protocol at a future meeting.

Teaching Evaluation Initiative

Suzanne introduced the new definition of teaching excellence and shared the feedback survey that will be sent to the Teaching Academy membership. The definition focuses on classroom, lab-based, and/or studio teaching, whether that be face-to-face, online, or hybrid, and these pillars could also be applied to other forms of teaching such as mentoring, undergraduate research, or study abroad. The council discussed the definition and agreed to move forward and send it out with the survey to the Teaching Academy.

Updates

1. Teaching Academy Info Session: Tips for improving your application for the DETA, November 30th from 2-3 via Zoom
2. Tea & Teaching on December 5th
3. Advancing Teaching & Learning Conference scheduled for February 9th with Laura Durmin

Adjourn:

Karen adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Jacobs.