

**Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes**  
**October 21, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Lisa Garner Santa (Chair), David Roach, Rob Stewart, Dominick Casadonte, Tara Stevens, Nancy Soonpaa, Ameri Gurley, Karen Alexander, John Masselli Suzanne Tapp

**Members Not Present:**

Katie Langford, Courtney Meyers, Mitzi Ziegner, Susan Tomlinson, Andrew Stetson

**Approval of Minutes:**

David moved to approve the minutes from September 30, 2022; Dom seconded. The council approved the minutes.

**Welcome**

Lisa began the meeting with a conscious communication exercise. She wanted members to practice conscious listening as a part of her vision for Trust, Connection, and Belonging.

**Discussion:**

*Teaching Evaluation Initiative Committees*

Council members gave updates on their work in the Teaching Evaluation Initiative.

-Department Teaching Plans: David shared that Angela Lumpkin has taken the lead this year. A model was given from Kinesiology & Sport Management and David and Angela visited various departments who were interested. Six departments agreed to create a teaching plan, three are still moving forward with their plans.

-Peer Observation: Karen shared that a survey was sent to Department Chairs and Associate Chairs. They plan to meet to discuss the data to make decisions and move forward.

-Self-Reflection: Lisa shared that they are considering questions like how this differs from assessment, how long and how often should self-reflection occur, when should this take place during the semester, and how does this differ from the self-assessment in Faculty Success. They plan to lead focus groups this year to discuss these questions further.

-Student/Course Evaluation: Suzanne and Mike Serra have been meeting each month and the committee has thirteen participants. They gathered faculty and student responses in a survey and hope to attempt a trial with a revised evaluation that is vetted by stakeholders. Student announcement emails have been rewritten and there will be an official evaluation week to avoid constant emails throughout the semester. Areas still have the ability to use SmartEvals to customize based on the department and the revised questions are evidence based and generally apply to all areas.

The initiative is a three to five year project and the committee leaders brief the President and Provost on annual progress.

*Workshops related to Trust, Connection, and Belonging*

Lisa shared with the committee two upcoming events related to this year's vision. Amy Floweree will be leading a session about trust and the news in January at the TLPDC.

Tea & Teaching will take place November 4<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the TLPDC. These won't have a strong agenda and will be a casual time for faculty to discuss their teaching.

**Updates:**

-The Teaching Academy Apparel- orders due October 26<sup>th</sup>

-The Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarships application is now open. Applications are due November 11<sup>th</sup>.

-The Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award application will open Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications are due January 27<sup>th</sup>. Jeffrey Harper will hold an informational session for potential applicants on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:**

Lisa adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Jacobs.