

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes
October 27, 2023

Members Present:

Karen Alexander (Chair), Ameri Gurley, John Masselli, Andrew Stetson, Belinda Kleinhans, Fanni Coward, David Roach, Nancy Soonpaa, Mitzi Ziegner

Members Not Present:

Cindy Akers, Lisa Garner Santa, Katie Langford, Charles Crews, Rob Stewart, Suzanne Tapp

Approval of Minutes:

David moved to approve the minutes from April 28th and September 22nd; Fanni seconded. The council approved the minutes.

Piper Professor Award Report

This award will now be facilitated by the Teaching Academy and this year's ad hoc committee was gathered by Dominick Casadonte and Karen Alexander. They developed a rubric for future use based on the Piper application through the Texas Comptroller. The committee reviewed three applicants and selected one to submit to the Office of the Provost for consideration. The Executive Council will need to create a standing committee for this award and elect members in the Spring.

Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award Discussion

The council decided to add new language to the Voting Protocol to address a situation where a committee member needs to abstain.

“If an individual needs to abstain due to conflict of interest, they must recuse themselves from the entire process.”

Belinda moved to approve the new language for the Voting Protocol; Nancy seconded. All voted in favor of approving the new language.

The council also discussed how to address formatting so that applicants can't put more than a pages worth of text on one page. Ultimately, they decided that the current grounds for disqualification stated on the website should be sufficient.

Teaching Excellence Initiatives: Next Steps

Karen would like to send out the pillars to each group and make sure the co-chairs are still working with their committees.

Requesting volunteers for December Commencement

The following members agreed to volunteer to represent the Teaching Academy at each commencement ceremony this December.

1. **Fanni Coward**- Friday, December 15th at 2:00pm (Arts & Sciences, Honors, VPA, Education)
2. **Andy Stetson**- Friday, December 15th at 7:30pm (Graduate School, Architecture, University Studies)
3. **Ameri Gurley**- Saturday December 16th at 9:00am (Engineering, Rawls)

Updates

1. Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarships Applications are open now through November 10th .
2. Tea & Teaching set for December 5th and March 29th .

Adjourn:

Ameri moved to adjourn the meeting; Belinda. Karen adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Jacobs.