

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes
September 19, 2025

Members Present:

Ameri Gurley, Nancy Soonpaa, Jeffrey Harper, Shane Blum, Vijay Hegde, Chris Smith, Yuan Shu, Julie Chang, Lisa Low, Cindy Akers,

Members Not Present: Charles Crews, Alan Barenberg, Fanni Coward, Feruzan Irani Williams, Suzanne Tapp

Welcome and Group Activity:

Ameri welcomed the group and shared a Gen Z “word of the day”.

Approval of Minutes:

Lisa Low moved to approve the minutes from August 29th; Cindy Akers seconded. The council approved the August minutes.

Announcements:

Ameri reminded the council that the Teaching Academy New Member Induction Ceremony and Fall meeting is next Friday, September 26th from 2:00-3:00.

Connecting With Today’s Students

Ameri shared that she will facilitate a tabling session in the free speech area on October 15th from 11:00-2:00. This is a time for members to engage with students, ask them about their “why” as a college student, and pass out shirts and snacks. She’ll send a newsletter soon with more info and a request for volunteers. A similar tabling session is being planned for late October that will involve students in the LA program.

Adjourn:

Ameri adjourned the meeting.