

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes

September 2, 2022

Members Present:

Lisa Garner Santa (Chair), David Roach, Rob Stewart, Mitzi Ziegner, Susan Tomlinson, Karen Alexander, John Masselli, Andrew Stetson, Dominick Casadonte, Tara Stevens, Suzanne Tapp

Members Not Present:

Nancy Soonpaa, Katie Langford, Ameri Gurley, Courtney Meyers

Approval of Minutes:

Karen moved to approve the minutes from April 22, 2022; Mitzi seconded. The council approved the minutes.

Welcome

As the new chair, Lisa Garner Santa welcomed the new members and asked everyone on the council to introduce themselves.

Standing Committees

Lisa made note of the new standing committees for the academic year and shared that there are still 5 total vacancies between the three committees. She asked Molly Jacobs to reach out to the committee chairs to ask them to nominate faculty who could fill those roles from the College needing representation or faculty who could serve as at-large representatives.

2022-2033 Vision

Lisa shared that her vision for this year is Trust, Connection, & Belonging: Intentional Practices for Engaged and Inclusive Teaching, Learning, and Mentoring. She hopes that the Teaching Academy can nurture relationships in person again with students and peers. This vision is in alignment with current initiatives for inclusivity and mentoring.

Susan Tomlinson would like to create an award for faculty mentors in honor of Dr. Jim Brink and Dr. Gary Elbow. The council discussed possible endowment as well as creating an individual and departmental award for mentoring.

Suzanne Tapp shared the efforts from the Faculty Success Initiative, Faculty Mentor Program, Faculty Success Task Force, and the Faculty of Color group. These initiatives will create programs in the Spring and possible awards to recognize faculty mentors.

Announcements

Teaching Academy New Member Induction Ceremony- Friday, September 16th

Teaching Academy Fall Business Meeting

This will follow the ceremony. Lisa will introduce the Executive Council, her vision, and will have members break up into three groups to gather ideas for the year.

John M. Burns Conference- Monday, October 3rd

Suzanne shared information about Dr. Michelle Miller, the keynote speaker. One session is a general session for everyone. The second session is focused on those with administrative roles. More information and a call for registration will go out soon.

Other Business

Addition of Deans statement to cover sheet for non-traditional applicants.

This is a continuation of the discussion that was not resolved last year. The council discussed the positive and negatives of the current, simple statement as well as the complications of how to clarify which units might qualify. There were several suggestions and the council decided to wait and discuss further in October.

Suzanne motioned to clarify the council's decision with the selection committee for consistency.

Adjourn:

Andrew moved to adjourn the meeting; Susan seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Jacobs.