

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes September 20, 2024

Members Present:

Nancy Soonpaa, Jeffrey Harper, David Roach, Charles Crews, Suzanne Tapp, Belinda Kleinhans, Shane Blum, Fanni Coward, Rob Stewart, John Masselli

Members Not Present:

Cindy Akers, Andrew Stetson, Katie Langford, Karen Alexander, Ameri Gurley

Welcome and Guided Meditation:

Nancy Soonpaa led the council in a time of guided meditation to begin the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Belinda Kleinhans moved to approve the minutes from August 23rd; David Roach seconded. The council approved the August minutes.

New Initiatives

Nancy asked the council to consider initiatives that would align with the “Teaching in Turbulent Times” theme. She found a list of ideas and asked the council to review the ideas presented and consider how some could be implemented. Many of these ideas were low or no cost and could seem non-threatening to students if faculty were to try them in class. The council shared techniques they’ve used for themselves and in their own classes. Nancy would like to make a webpage to collect strategies and techniques that Teaching Academy members have found successful. A call for ideas will be presented at the Fall Business Meeting next week.

OP 32.13 Review:

The council reviewed OP 32.13 and decided to add the following language to item 3e:

“Internal and external evidence of the nominee’s professional achievements related to teaching **are required and** may include, but are not limited to, those suggested in the lists below.”

This language is being recommended to clarify that both internal and external evidence is required as stated in the checklist in Appendix A.

Announcements:

1. The Piper Professor Award committee members were selected by Nancy Soonpaa:
 - Dominick Casadonte (Chair)
 - Debbie Laverie
 - Peter Martens
 - Nancy McIntyre
 - Karen Spears

These members will serve a three-year terms on the committee.

John Masselli asked for clarification on whether colleges were limited to one nominee or if they could submit multiple. The award page did not give a limitation on the number of nominations per college. Clarifying language will be added to the page.

2. The council will have the opportunity to meet with Lindsay Masland for dinner after the Burns Conference on Friday, September 27th. A calendar invitation will be sent to the group.

Adjourn:

John Masselli moved to adjourn the meeting; Jeffrey Harper seconded. The meeting was adjourned.