

Teaching Academy Executive Council

Minutes

November 20, 2015

Members Present:

Shannon Bichard, Shane Blum, Scott Burris, Dominick Casadonte, Bill Pasewark, Comfort Pratt, Nancy Soonpaa, Suzanne Tapp

Members Not Present: Mario Beruvides, Joaquin Borrego, Lisa Garner-Santa, Susan Tomlinson, John White

Approval of minutes:

Comfort Pratt moved to approve the minutes from October 30th. Shane Blum seconded. All approved.

Welcome:

Bill Pasewark welcomed the members of the Executive Council.

New Business:

Provost's Council

Bill Pasewark gave a brief summary of the recent Provost's Council meeting. The university invited a consulting firm for development on campus. There has been an average growth in donations of 9.7%. Larger donations are erratic, mid-level donations have grown, and smaller donations are down. The consulting firm stated that there are 3 fundamentals to giving: philanthropic, infrastructure to collection, and bold and fundable ideas. It was suggested that we contact the Vice Chancellor for Development about funding for Teaching Academy.

The TTU EEO practices in hiring new faculty are being audited by the Department of Labor and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Spring "Spirited" Discussion- Topic Discussion

Bill Pasewark initiated discussion on the topic for the Spring TA event. Some suggestions were as follows:

- Student Demographics
- What's new in cheating? What are the procedures when a student is caught cheating?
- Student Panel- What professors don't know about their students?

The EC unanimously decided to pursue the student panel idea. A partnership with the Student Government Association was suggested. Other ideas were discussed such as creating a video of student interviews (conducted by other students). Kimberly Leigh will speak to the Skyview's manager about availability for Thursday, April 7, 2016.

Old Business:

New Members

Bill Pasewark has been presented with questions regarding admittance of Professors of Practice to the Teaching Academy. He will contact Provost Schovanec to discuss opportunities to recognize these instructors. Scott Burris suggested that the Teaching Academy might offer a limited number of spaces for professor of practice membership. Shannon Bichard noted that the TA might need more time as the university establishes consistent evaluation and promotion procedures.

Announcements:

Suzanne Tapp announced that the Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference will be held on March 4, 2016.

Meeting Schedule for Spring, 2016 (Meetings will now be held from 3-4):

January 29th

February 26th

April 29th

May 13th

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Leigh