

# Teaching Academy Executive Council

## Minutes

### September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### **Members Present:**

Jim Brink, Suzanne Tapp, Comfort Pratt, David Forrest, Shane Blum, Nancy Soonpaa, Upe Flueckiger, Bob McDonald, Nathan Collie, Rob Stewart

**Members Not Present:** Scott Burris, Angela Lumpkin, Katie Langford, Mark Webb

#### **Approval of minutes:**

Jim Brink motioned to approve the minutes and Upe Flueckiger seconded.

#### **Welcome:**

Shane Blum welcomed the members of the Executive Council and announced that he was sitting in for Scott Burris during this meeting.

#### **New Business:**

##### *The Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award*

Dr. Blum went over the deadline for the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award and voting protocol. He reminded executive council members that the application is now completed online through Wizehive. Dr. Blum also explained the voting protocol and Olympic scoring guidelines. Esther Saldivar will be sending an email with instructions on how to access the applications online.

##### *Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarship Award*

Dr. Blum noted that the Lawrence Schovanec Teaching Development Scholarship Award is pending an update on funding from the President's office. Further details will be provided once this information is received.

##### *Rob Stewart's Discussion on Smart Evals*

Dr. Rob Stewart joined the Executive Council members to discuss the new online course evaluation project (SmartEvals). Texas Tech has been systematically piloting the program for over a year and in general, there seems to be some positive feedback on the program so far. Dr. Stewart asked for help from the Teaching Academy body to encourage the use of the SmartEvals. One suggestion was made to implement SmartEvals with first year experience programs such as Raider Ready to begin to expose our beginning student populations to this evaluation format. Dr. Stewart invited the chair of the Executive Committee and any other members of the committee to attend the next Faculty Senate meeting for continued discussion. Dr. Stewart will also attend the next Chair Academy on October 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss SmartEvals.

#### **Announcements:**

##### *Burns Conference Speaker*

Several Executive Council members volunteered to assist with transportation and arrangements for Dr. Claire Major-Howell during her visit for the John M. Burns Conference on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **Adjourn**

Shane Blum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne Tapp seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Esther Saldivar