

# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY TEACHING ACADEMY



## General Business Meeting Minutes September, 27, 2007

### • Announcements:

- Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award nominations due **October 1, 2007**.
- Wakonse South: April 4-6, 2008 Confirmed
- **The John M. Burns Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning**  
Friday, September 28, 10:00 – 2:30 TLTC 151
- **Journal Update** – Cindy Akers spoke briefly about the progress being made with the journal
- **Membership Application** – Update on changes

### • Action Items:

- “Advocacy of Teaching” – Cindy asked, “What can we do? What are we doing? What is expected of us as the Teaching Academy?”

The Teaching Academy was formally inaugurated in 1997 to demonstrate, support, promote, and recognize teaching excellence at Texas Tech University.

**A teaching academy can be loosely defined as a group of faculty who are considered excellent or highly interested in teaching and who have been tapped by their institutions to engage in advocacy, service, or advising on teaching matters. The central idea of the academy is that effective teachers, working through an honorary and service-oriented collective, can have a significant impact on an institution's pursuit of teaching excellence.**

Roman Taraban suggested making opportunities for undergraduate research more visible. The department of Psychology is developing a website that will be linked to the larger university website.

Liz Hall spoke on the promotion of lesser known methods, with Service Learning and Study Abroad as examples. We need to put the information in front of the faculty.

Karen Meaney suggested that we give students opportunities to promote excellence in teaching. Perhaps do a forum or get a panel together.

Dominick Casadonte brought up sending students to Wakonse and Wakonse South.

The Advocacy Committee is Liz Hall, Roman Taraban, Karen Meaney, Dominick Casadonte, Debbie Laverie, Donna David, Mario Beruvides, Cindy Akers, and William Lan (Chair).

- **Adjourn**