

Teaching Academy Executive Council

Minutes

September 26, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Brink, William Lan, Audra Morse, David Roach, Nancy Soonpaa, Roman Taraban, Peter Westfall

Members Not Present:

Cindy Akers, Jerry Hudson, Lynn Huffman, Debbie Laverie, William Westney

Approval of minutes:

Minutes from August 29, 2008 were distributed and a correction was noted. Tina will add the word “approved” to the sentence, “It was moved and seconded to remove university comparisons from the new member application forms.” Jim Brink moved to have the corrected minutes approved. Audra Morse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Announcements:

*Lynn Huffman will substitute for Gwen Sorell as Gwen continues her leave of absence this semester.

*Roman announced the New Teaching Academy Members for 2008:

Dorothy Durband (Applied & Professional Studies), Mark Gring (Communication Studies), Melanie Hart (HESS), Ron Milam (History), Alan Reifman (HDFS), and Aliza Wong (History).

*New Member Induction Ceremony

-Friday, October 3rd 3:00-4:00 pm Croslin Room (University Library).

We will look into having a slideshow. Roman and Tina will check with Ching Lee. Nancy Soonpaa will help Roman with the pins and plaques. Ching will take pictures.

*John M. Burns Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning will be held at the TLTC on Friday, October 3, 2008. More details will be sent to committee members so that they can volunteer to help with Dr. Whittington’s transportation and meal needs.

Work Groups Report:

William Lan gave the committee a report on the Teaching Academy’s survey on interest groups from last spring. A written summary of the survey was given out to all committee members. The response rate to the survey was satisfactory. William will try to get the names of respondents in order to connect them with other members of the same interests – form “core” groups – SIGs (Special Interests Groups). We want to try to get groups in place so that others can join in. One goal is to get all Teaching Academy members to become more active. Perhaps sub-committees could be formed, such as the Advocacy Committee. Roman inquired about the status of the Advocacy Committee. The committee members are Liz Hall, Roman Taraban, Karen Meaney, Dominick Casadonte, Debbie Laverie, Donna Davis, Mario Beruvides, Cindy Akers, and William Lan (Chair).

Journal Update:

If Mario Beruvides is available, he will give an update at the general business meeting Oct.3rd.

Other business:

*Emeritus status of Teaching Academy members: Tina will compile a general list of members and send it to the Executive Council. They will help distinguish between current members, retired members, and those who could take on the role of Emeritus.

*Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award: Roman reviewed OP 32.13 and the attached Protocol for Developing a Recommendation for the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award with the committee. The committee will continue to discuss possible changes to OP 32.13 in order to give the committee some leeway regarding *ratings* and *rankings* of the candidates. William Lan distributed an example of a matrix that could possibly be considered in evaluating such awards.

Next meeting: Friday, November 21, 2008 12:00 noon

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Tina Sansom