

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes February 08, 2008

Members Present:

Jerry Hudson, William Lan, Bob McDonald, David Roach, Roman Taraban, William Westney

Members Not Present:

Cindy Akers, Mario Beruvides, Dominick Casadonte, Gary Elbow, Susan Fortney, Lynn Huffman, Debbie Laverie, John White

Roman Taraban presided over the meeting in Cindy Akers' absence.

Approval of Minutes January 11, 2008.

Announcements:

*Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award applications are being reviewed by the DETA Selection committee. They will make their decision on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

*TLTC Fourth Annual Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference Friday, February 22, 2008 Merket Alumni Center. The speaker will be Dr. Todd Zakrajsek, Director of the Faculty Center for Innovative Teaching at Central Michigan University. There will also be a day of pre-conference workshops on Thursday, February 21st with eight sessions spotlighting faculty members from Texas Tech, West Texas A&M, and Lubbock Christian University.

*Speaker for John Burns Conference: Dr. Susie Whittington from the Ohio State University will be our speaker at the 2008 John Burns Conference. The conference will be held on Friday, October 3, 2008. Dr. Whittington will also make remarks at the Teaching Academy New Member Induction Ceremony on Thursday, October 2, 2008.

Updates:

*Survey: William Lan presented his first draft of the Survey for Involving Members of the Teaching Academy to Advocate Excellence in Teaching at Texas Tech University. The committee discussed the survey and made suggestions:

- Add *respond by* date
- Indicate if members can select more than one choice
- Decide where white papers will be published
- Allow space for members to write-in suggestions
- Decide if members will receive hard copy, email copy or both versions of the survey
- Consider making survey choices more concise
- Possibly include mentoring for Teaching Assistants

Discussion will continue at next meeting.

Other Business:

*The Executive Council would like an update on the exact issues Leslie Thompson & Samina Khan will be discussing when they meet to make recommendations for TA membership guidelines.

*The January 11, 2008 minutes state that Roman Taraban will begin his service as Chair of the Executive Council in the Fall 2008. He would like the committee to discuss allowing the Chair-elect to begin service in May 2008 in order to provide continuity in processing new member nominations.

*List the Teaching Academy as a separate choice on the left hand side of the home page of the TLTC website, not buried among other choices.

*Further discussion of TA representatives at convocations. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Friday, March 7, 2008 TLTC room 152, 12:00 Noon.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Tina