

# Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes March 7, 2008

## **Members Present:**

Cindy Akers, Susan Fortney, Lynn Huffman, William Lan, Debbie Laverie, Bob McDonald, David Roach, Roman Taraban, William Westney

## **Members Not Present:**

Mario Beruvides, Dominick Casadonte, Gary Elbow, Jerry Hudson, John White

## **Approval of Minutes February 8, 2008.**

## **Announcements:**

\* **Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award (DETA)** This year's winner is Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures (CMLL). Formal invitations will be sent out once a date has been set. All members of the Executive Council and the DETA Selection Committee will be invited.

Here are some comments from the committee:

*We are recommending CMLL as the 2008 recipient. The department of CMLL has demonstrated a commitment to outstanding teaching. The department dedicates significant resources to its teaching mission, serves a vast majority of Texas Tech students, utilizes innovative curricula and teaching methodologies and contributes to the scholarship of teaching and learning. CMLL also supports the Language Lab and Learning Resources Center; one of the largest and most highly sophisticated in the world.*

\* **SoTL Spotlight Session with Donna Davis Wednesday, April 2, 2008 TLTC room 153**. The session will describe an undergraduate seminar for senior marketing majors organized around a service learning project. The seminar is designed to provide hands-on learning about marketing issues and an opportunity for students to reflect on the role of community service in their lives. The content of the seminar is dictated by the needs of a non-profit organization and the skills of students enrolled in the seminar. *Dr. Davis was inducted into the TTU Teaching Academy Fall 2007.*

## \* **Graduation** Friday, May 9, 2008

4:00 p.m. Architecture, Education, Engineering, Human Sciences, Visual & Performing Arts (**Robin Lock**)

7:00 p.m. Graduate School (**William Lan**)

Saturday, May 10, 2008

9:00 a.m. Agriculture, Business Administration, Honors, Mass Communications  
**(Cindy Akers)**

1:30 p.m. Arts and Sciences **(Dominick Casadonte)**

**Updates:**

\*Survey: William Lan presented a revised copy to the committee. Changes were suggested and discussed. The committee would like to see undergraduate research, Service Learning, and Distance Education considered as “teaching activities” in the survey. The committee is considering using an online survey tool.

**Other Business:**

\*Membership: Cindy informed the committee that the issues Samina Khan was concerned about were: the selection committee moved too fast; the selection of the new members was too subjective. Cindy will ask Leslie Thompson to try to attend the next Executive Council meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

Friday, April 11, 2008 TLTC room 152, 12:00 Noon.

**Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina