

# Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes January 23, 2009

## **Members Present:**

Cindy Akers, William Lan, Debbie Laverie, David Roach, Nancy Soonpaa, Roman Taraban, Peter Westfall, William Westney

## **Members Not Present:**

Jim Brink, Jerry Hudson, Lynn Huffman, Audra Morse

## **Review and approve minutes:**

Minutes from November 21, 2008 were distributed. Tina will correct Dr. William Westney's name under the heading of *Announcements* (*Dr. Williams Westney*). Debbie Laverie moved that the minutes be approved. Cindy Akers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Announcements:**

\*Roman introduced our special guests, Suzanne Tapp and Bree Denton, from the TLTC. Suzanne made an announcement for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Advancing Teaching & Learning Conference and Workshops which will be held March 5-6.

\*At this time, the Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award applications are due in the Office of the Provost February 2, 2009. Roman will ask Interim Provost Winer to extend the date to March 2, 2009.

\*Six new members were elected to the DETA Selection Committee: Todd Chambers (Mass Comm), Mohammad Saed (Engineering), Marjean Purinton (Honors), Jim White (Architecture), Liz Hall (Arts & Sciences), and John Zak (Arts & Sciences). Wendell Aycock and Ken Rainwater will serve as alternates.

## **Report on member web listing: Tina and Bree Denton of the TLTC**

Bree Denton is currently in charge of the Teaching Academy website. The committee clarified how they want the membership to be listed:

- \*Current membership A-Z
- \*Current membership by college
- \*Prior members (Emeritus, left TTU)

On the left-hand side of the home page under *membership*, Bree will add a dropdown menu which will show current membership A-Z and by colleges, along with a complete Excel listing of current and past members.

## **Update on the status of the Advisory Group: Debbie Laverie**

Debbie Laverie informed the committee that this group only met once to get some direction as to where the Teaching Academy was going and what we need to do to get more members involved. The group was made up of past Executive Council chairs and Dr. John Burns.

### **Charge to the Executive Council subcommittees:**

Promotion Subcommittee (Cindy Akers-chair, Audra Morse, Jim Brink): To develop and implement a mechanism for increasing the visibility of Teaching Academy faculty on the TTU campus.

Burns SoTL Conference Subcommittee (Nancy Soonpaa-chair, David Roach, Debbie Laverie): To review evaluation forms from the 2008 conference, to establish the venue and speaker(s) for the 2009 conference, and to coordinate this conference, as appropriate, with other departments interested in SoTL speakers – e.g., Dr. Jeff Dressel in Psychology.

Advocacy Subcommittee (William Lan-chair, Jerry Hudson, Lynn Huffman, Peter Westfall, William Westney): To develop and implement a follow-up survey of Academy members' interests in participation in activities to promote the Academy and TTU teaching mission.

### **Reports from subcommittees:**

TA member nameplates – Cindy Akers: Cindy reported that we must go before the Facilities Committee for approval of nameplate installation. We would also have to obtain an updated bid from Lonnie Evans. After much discussion regarding individual nameplates, William Westney moved that we have departmental plaques made that we can add names to over the years. Nancy Soonpaa seconded. The motion carried.

Burns Conference – David Roach: We will poll all members about a possible speaker for fall 2009.

Survey – William Lan: We need more input. Dr. Lan distributed a handout of a revised survey. He will meet with Peter, Jerry and Lynn, and report back to the committee.

**Next meeting:** Friday, February 20, 2009 at 12:00 noon, TLTC room 152.

### **Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted by Tina Sansom