

Teaching Academy Executive Council Minutes August 31, 2007

Members Present:

Cindy Akers, Mario Beruvides, Gary Elbow, Susan Fortney, William Lan, Bob McDonald, David Roach, Gwen Sorell, Roman Taraban, William Westney, John White

Members Not Present:

Jerry Hudson, Debbie Laverie

Approval of minutes:

Minutes were distributed.

Welcome and Introduction:

Cindy welcomed our new Teaching Academy Executive Council members: David Roach (Arts & Sciences), Susan Fortney (Law), and William Lan (Education).

Announcements:

*New Member Election Deadline: Friday, September 07, 2007

* Selection Committee will meet September 12, 2007. Leslie Thompson will chair the committee.

*New Member Induction Ceremony Thursday, September 27, 2007, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Escondido Ballroom (SUB basement). We will recognize new members in front of their classes. We were able to do this a few times last year, and it seemed to go over well.

* John M. Burns Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning will be held at the TLTC on Friday, September 28, 2007. Dr. Mel George will be our plenary speaker. Ravi Jillapalli, a TEACH fellow from 2006-2007, will give a presentation during the noon hour.

*TLTC programs have been set for the semester: www.tltc.ttu.edu.

Changes in TA application:

Cindy went over the changes in the application: have 2 examples of how they have supported the TA mission; clarified evidence of good teaching. The committee agreed that the changes are good.

Plaques:

Cindy and Bob McDonald will visit with Debbie about funding. Tina will check on prices. We will give out certificates at the Induction Ceremony, and present the plaques when they come in.

Journal Update:

They now have a philosophy, mission, and vision statement. They are waiting on funding. The Editorial Board is almost complete.

Teaching Academy Brochure:

Cindy gave an update. The text needs to be updated. She and Gary Elbow will work with Melissa. They hope to include a link to the TA Journal.

General Business Meeting 9/27 (Possible Agenda Items):

- *Designate one thing each year we want to focus on
- *Focus on what faculty enjoy and benefit from
- *Complete an analysis of good teaching in regard to T&P
- *Write a white paper on it
- *Consider what needs to change about the reward structure for teaching
- *Consider becoming advocates with the Provost to assure faculty that their efforts are being rewarded
- *Invite Provost Marcy to an Executive Council meeting
- *Poll the Teaching Academy members about rewards for good teaching
- *Consider the theme, "Advocacy for Teaching" for the year 2007-2008. Let this be a sub-committee. William Lan will chair this committee. Cindy and Mario will help.

Next meeting: Friday, October 5, 2007 12:00 noon

Adjourn