

Agenda  
Executive Council, OSU Academy of Teaching  
Friday January 23, 2015  
11:00am-12:00pm  
320 Younkin Success Center

### **Attendance**

Jake Boswell  
Caroline Breitenberger  
Wayne Carlson  
Alan Kalish (11:50am)  
Ben McCorkle  
Jennie Williams

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#### **Announcements**

- ASC Vice Dean Susan Williams and Alan Kalish, director of the University Center for the Advancement for Teaching (UCAT), will be offering a workshop on **peer review of teaching**, Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in 035 Psychology Building. Please RSVP to Mike Bourke at [bourke.8@osu.edu](mailto:bourke.8@osu.edu) to confirm your attendance.
- The Office of Academic Affairs will host the third annual **University Assessment Conference** at the Fawcett Center on Friday February 13, 2015 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Each academic unit has been asked to send a representative.

#### **Old Business**

- 9<sup>th</sup> annual mini-conference: “Evidence-Based Pedagogy: Teaching so Everyone Learns” (April 10, 2015)
  - Jennie has reached out to our caterer. The room (150 Younkin Success Center) is reserved at no charge.
  - Jennie will reach out to confirmed speakers to begin collecting bios and session descriptions for the website. Registration is slated to open Feb. 1.
  - Tentative Agenda
    1. Welcome/introductions (9---9:15am) –Terrell Strayhorn
    2. Keynote (9:15---10:30)
      - We do not have a keynote speaker lined up. Caroline has not been able to confirm the date with the potential speaker. If he does not commit by January 30, we will move on to other prospects. Wayne mentioned a person who works for Apple and speaks about active learning. We explored the possibility of inviting instructors of a Coursera course on evidence-based pedagogy in STEM. Alan suggested several Scholarship of Teaching and Learning experts, including Nancy Chick from Vanderbilt.
    3. Break (10:30---10:45)

4. Jim Fowler on Adaptive Learning in context of MOOC (10:45---11:30)
  5. Nicole Kraft on iTunes U (11:30---12:15)
  6. Lunch and Founder's Award (12:15---1:00)
  7. UCAT/ODEE (Henry Griffy) – application/practical tools for data gathering (1:00---2:00)
- Talking about Teaching
    - We are transitioning *Talking about Teaching* into a u.osu.edu blog site. Caroline has reached out to Joe Donnermeyer about unpublished essays but has not heard back. Jennie uncovered a list of possible essay topics in the September 19, 2011 Executive Council meeting minutes (see appendix A). In addition to these topics, we also mentioned assessment, and in particular having a participant at the Assessment Conference reflect on how his/her thoughts might be affected by the conference. Caroline will take the lead on the initial organization of the *Talking about Teaching blog*, and we hope to eventually be able to rotate editorial responsibilities for the blog. We discussed having a calendar of posts – one per month.
  - Founder's Award
    - Caroline submitted a formal nomination for Susan Williams to be the recipient of this year's Founder's Award (see appendix B). All members present agreed. We would like feedback from the members who were not present today before moving ahead.
    - Jennie will contact the glass blower who has produced the "glass apple" the last several years.

## **New business**

Jennie will send out a Doodle poll for our next meeting.

**APPENDIX A: List of possible *Talking about Teaching* topics from 9/19/11 minutes.**

- Brian Joseph – essay working off Founder’s Award
- Steve Rissing – promised an essay this year
- Ginny Trethewey – Alumni Association – what members remember about a good teacher
- GATA winners
- Consortium of grad students to discuss what it means to be good at being a TA in different teaching contexts
- Orientation facilitators – Jennie will get email list to Joe
- Good promotion and tenure statement on teaching
- Position announcements and assessing candidates
- Program review
- Expected learning outcomes for a graduate program
- What makes a persuasive teaching statement? (Susan Williams)

## **APPENDIX B: Founder's Award nomination for Susan Williams.**

Members of the Executive Council of the Academy of Teaching,

I am pleased to nominate one of our fellow Academy members, Vice Dean Susan Williams, for the Academy of Teaching Founder's Award. Based on her sustained efforts to foster faculty excellence in teaching, Dr. Williams is well-qualified for this award.

Susan Williams earned her BA and PhD from Yale University, and is currently a Professor in the Department of English. She served as director of graduate studies and interim vice chair in the Department of English, then as Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Faculty Resources from 2009-2014, and is currently Vice Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. Her research interests include gender and sexuality studies, American literature and culture before 1900, and women writers. She has published several books, including, in 2006, *Reclaiming Authorship: Literary Women in America, 1850-1900*. She is a recipient of the OSU Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the OSU Distinguished Faculty Service Award, and the Larry M. Lewellen award for distinguished service from the Council of Graduate Students. She was also a member of the inaugural class of the President's and Provost's Leadership Institute from 2005 to 2007. She has received grants and fellowships from the American Antiquarian Society and the National Endowment for the Humanities, among others.

Dr. Williams' service at Ohio State has supported the mission of the Academy of Teaching in many different ways, including:

- *Foster excellence in teaching:* As Vice Provost, she provided oversight of faculty awards programs (Distinguished Scholar Award, Distinguished University Professor, Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service). Previously, she served on the committee that evaluates nominees for the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, and chaired the selection committee in 2008.
- *Promote the importance of teaching:* Through her work on faculty leadership initiatives in the Office of Academic Affairs, she broadened participation of academic leaders in professional development activities that led to better support and encouragement of faculty teaching as well as other activities.
- *Help improve the rewards for teaching:* Dr. Williams was a key player in working with the Academy of Teaching to establish the Provost's Distinguished Teaching Award for a Lecturer.
- *Help evaluate teaching:* Vice Provost Williams' duties included academic personnel appointments, compensation approvals and academic personnel policy, and she spearheaded efforts to better define good teaching and the evaluation of excellence in teaching to be used in faculty evaluations. She worked to expand the definition of

faculty roles to define teaching in all of its many guises, including distance learning, advising, and mentoring students.

- *Support the recruitment and retention of faculty at Ohio State:* She helped bring additional women and minority faculty to Ohio State and to retain faculty through the dual career hiring program in OAA and through her work with project CEOS and the Women's Center.

As Vice Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, will focus on faculty affairs at the college level including promotion and tenure, recruitment, diversity and professional development. Susan will work with college leadership to create and articulate an ongoing vision that advances faculty collaboration, enhance college-wide policies governing faculty affairs with an emphasis on faculty development, college and unit reward structures and provide leadership for the College's academic human resources mission. Through these efforts, she will be in an excellent position to continue her efforts to promote excellence in teaching.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Regards,

Caroline Breitenberger