

Academy of Teaching Executive Council Meeting
October 19, 2017
2:30–3:30 p.m.
211 Younkin Success Center

Attendees:

Avi Benatar
Lisa Cravens-Brown
Alex Grieco
Scott Jones
Alan Kalish
Sue Sutherland
Jennie Williams

Reviewing Academy of Teaching Breakfast Feedback

- We discussed the issue of length. Some people were disappointed there was not more time to socialize, network, or interact with other Academy members. On the other hand, it would not be possible to do this within one hour. If we want to do this in the future, we could consider holding a happy hour instead of a breakfast or adding on a half-hour on the front or back end of the event dedicated to socializing. We could also potentially build in an interactive component of the event, such as coming up with questions or discussing a topic together, but we'd probably have to adjust the length to accommodate for this.
- The note cards worked really well, and Lisa did a commendable job synthesizing the questions and transitioning between each question.

Brown Bag Lunch Suggestion

Avi suggested if members would like more interaction with each other, we consider launching a brown bag series. If we do this, the first speaker should be particularly strong so that people are engaged and wish to come to future brown bag lunches. After some discussion, we decided to make invitations to speakers from the proposals that come in for our upcoming conference. If there are particularly strong proposals, those facilitators can lead brown bag lunches as a sort of pre-conference activity in the spring. Later, we'd like to perhaps invite Andrew Heckler from the University Institute for Teaching and Learning to discuss Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

New Leadership

- Alan shared that Beth Hume is the new Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. As this position sits *ex officio* on the Executive Council, Jennie will reach out to Beth (or Beth's assistant) to invite her to the next meeting.
- We discussed that there is also a new STEP director and First Year Experience director. With all of these newly-filled leadership positions, perhaps we should have a round of mini-keynotes from these leaders at the conference.

Engagement with Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

We will explore a way to share more information with Academy of Teaching members about Scholarship of Teaching and Learning organizations and conferences.

2018 Conference on Excellence in Teaching and Learning: May 3, 2018

- Note from last year: Work with the caterers to get participants through the lunch lines faster.
- Call for proposals
 - Lisa and Alex will work together to flesh out descriptions of the new type(s) of sessions (e.g., Teaching Slam, Pechakucha, and/or Demo) we will offer in the CFP and get those descriptions to Jennie. We may need to include video examples.
 - We will *not* be offering posters as an option.
 - Jennie will complete a draft of the CFP and send to all for approval.
 - Timeline: Opens 12/1 and closes 1/22. We will send out notifications by 2/15, and the timeline should follow 2017 from there.

- We will ask fewer questions in the CFP this year. We will ask for outcomes and abstract up front. People who are accepted will then be asked to submit their proposed timeline and what teaching methods they will model. We should give them a heads-up about this in the DFP.
- Keynote speaker
 - Jennie has reached out to Therese Huston and Amy Lee about coming to campus. Perhaps one could be the keynote speaker for the conference.
 - We also discussed the possibility of having the keynote focus on what we learned from the General Education re-design planning process, perhaps with Cathy montalto, Andrew Martin, and Larry Krissek as speakers.