The Ohio State University Academy of Teaching
Executive Council Meeting
August 25, 2010
1:30–3:00 p.m.
Room 211, Younkin Success Center

Present: Richard Blatti
Kevin Boyle
Caroline Breitenberger
Wayne Carlson
Brian Edmiston
Alan Kalish
Kathy Starkoff
Ginny Trethewey
Jennie Williams
Judy Wu
Mohamed Yousif

Absent: Joe Donnermeyer

Fall Reception: November 8, 3–5 p.m.

_The Year of e-Learning:_ Kathy Starkoff, Chief Information Officer, led a discussion about the “Year of e-Learning.” She described its purpose, goals, and implementation strategies. This dovetailed into a conversation with the larger group about the use of technology in classrooms, corresponding challenges and barriers, and best practices regarding the use of technology.

**Our Fall Reception:**

- We set the date of our Fall Reception for **November 8 from 3–5 p.m.** The location has yet to be determined (strongly supported suggestions included the Alumni House and the 4-H Building).
- Kathy Starkoff is our keynote speaker, and the Executive Council advised her regarding the nature of her presentation. Suggestions included:
  - A “showcase” of successful technology projects, labeled with time and energy.
    - This should include some “spectacular” examples, as well as some “less than spectacular” to demonstrate a range of possibilities.
    - Perhaps pair students with faculty members.
    - Include interdisciplinary connections.
  - Support faculty and give them hints for success
  - Outcomes should be:
    - To spark interest in technology among the faculty members
    - Bridge the gap between teaching and technology
    - Generate issues about policy that should be addressed

New Faculty Orientation: September 14 & 15

Susan Williams has invited 4-5 Academy members to sit and speak with new faculty over lunch on September 14. Alan and Yousif will work together to nominate those faculty members or put an invitation out to the Academy at large.

Fall Semester Summit at Ohio State: October 25

➢ According to Alan, plans are still underway for this summit that will address calendar conversion issues, solutions, and best practices. All 20 Ohio universities that are changing from quarters to semesters are invited to attend. The first planning meeting is next week.

➢ Wayne Carlson volunteered to work with Alan to make a proposal for an Academy of Teaching presentation. The suggestion on the table is to gather Academy members who have taught in semesters to share information about the difference in teaching and/or the “point people” of their departments for the quarter-to-semester conversion to share information about the process.

Development Fund
Joe Donnermeyer will hand out postcards at the Fall Reception encouraging members to donate to the Academy’s Development Fund.

Volume V of Talking about Teaching
Joe Donnermeyer is the editor-in-chief of the fifth volume of Talking about Teaching. He will probably need 2 or 3 other members to volunteer to help him edit the volume. It should be ready to distribute at the Mini-Conference.

Fifth Mini-Conference: May 6, 2011
Caroline Breitenberger volunteered to chair this event.

Founders Award
Richard Blatti is chairing the process of selecting the next recipient of the Founders Award. This award is given out occasionally to someone the executive council feels has done excellent work in supporting teaching. Richard will work to put together a formal nomination process.

Academy Website
Jennie Williams is becoming the new webmaster of the Academy of Teaching website. We are in the process of obtaining our own distinct URL, separated from UCAT’s website.