The Ohio State University Academy of Teaching
Executive Council Meeting
April 18, 2011
1:30–3:00 p.m.
Room 211, Younkin Success Center

Present: Richard Blatti
Caroline Breitenberger
Wayne Carlson
Joseph Donnermeyer
Alan Kalish
Ginny Trethewey
Jennie Williams
Mohamed Yousif

5th Annual Mini-Conference

• We still need session descriptions and bio statements from Drs. Wanner and Gopalan. Caroline will send reminders.
• Rick has 5-6 parties ready to perform. He will send Jennie a list of the performers and brief explanation of their instruments.
• Jennie has been working with OCIO to make arrangements for the videoconference with Dr. Gopalan. She will double-check on whether we will have an OCIO staff person on-site as part of our cost.
• Post-meeting note: As of Wednesday, April 20 at 10:21 a.m., 42 people are registered for the conference.
• Jennie will contact Esther Gottlieb who is coordinating a similar program to be held on Monday, May 9, to inform her about our conference.
• Jennie and Caroline will send information about the poster session to those people who have indicated interest on their registration form.
• Jennie will put together a program for the conference with help from Caroline.
• Jennie will contact all the presenters and see what materials they might want to distribute to the participants, which will indicate whether or not we need to have folders ready for each person.

Volume V of Talking About Teaching

• Joe handed out an updated list of the essays to be published in this year’s edition.
• Joe suggested changing the name of Talking About Teaching to something that invokes more respect and is more scholarly and formal. Yousif, Joe, and Alan will bring proposed names to the next meeting.
• Several options for the cover artwork were discussed. If we can get a professional picture of the Founder’s Award, we may use that on the cover. Otherwise, we will
resurrect one of the covers designed by Brian Stone for the original edition. **Jennie, Joe, and Alan** will work on this.

**Development Fund**

**Jennie** will find out how much money we have in our development fund and report back at the next meeting.

**Founder's Award**

This year’s Founder’s Award recipient is Dr. Brian D. Joseph from Linguistics. The award is a golden apple, created by an artisan from the Glass Axis. After the meeting, members of the Academy “ambushed” Dr. Joseph in front of one of his classes to announce the award via a letter. He will be officially given the award at 12:30 p.m. at the Mini-Conference (in between the end of the last session and the beginning of the music session, which will commence at 12:45 p.m.).

**May 5th Alumni Association Board of Directors Luncheon**

**Alan, Yousif, Joe, Caroline, Rick, and (of course) Ginny** will be in attendance at the May 5th Alumni Association Board of Directors Luncheon. The new Academy members will also be invited to attend via their welcome letter.

**Fall 2011 Reception**

The council generally agreed that we ought to invite Vice Provost Mike Boehm to speak at the 2011 Reception. **Alan** will contact him. The proposed dates are October 10 or 17, 2011.

**Mini-Conference 2012**

The following topics were discussed for the 2012 mini-conference, including:

- Diversity in the classroom
- Retention of students beyond the first year
- “Farewell to Quarters” as a luncheon theme

We will wait to make this decision at our meeting in May when new members who may be interested in helping with the mini-conference will be invited to attend.

**New Faculty Orientation**

Susan Williams is coordinating the orientation, which is usually held the Wednesday and/or Thursday before classes start in September. She will want to include the Academy, but her team has not yet decided in what capacity. **Alan** will keep us up-to-date.

**Welcoming the New Academy Members**
Yousif will write a letter to the new members, welcoming them aboard and encouraging them to participate in our events and nominate themselves to the executive council as we have three positions opening at the end of the academic year. Jennie will print and send the letter via campus mail once Yousif has written it.

Next Meeting

Jennie will gather availability for the next meeting.