The Ohio State University Academy of Teaching
Executive Council Meeting
April 5, 2012
3-4:30 p.m.
Room 211, Younkin Success Center

Present: Caroline Breitenberger
        Wayne Carlson
        Joe Donnermeyer
        Alan Kalish
        Jennie Williams
        Mohamed Yousif

Founder’s Award
• The estimate for this year’s Founder’s Award was $100 more than last year’s.
• The council agreed we ought to downsize the award, either in terms of size or amount of gold used.
• Jennie will follow up with HR to determine the monetary cut-off point at which future recipients will not have to pay income tax.
• We will use money from the Development Fund rather than Alumni Association.

Fundraising
• Yousif proposed creating a brochure to make available to potential donors that outlines the mission of the Academy and recent activities. Instead, we will adapt the text from the website for an introduction to Talking About Teaching.
• Jennie will look into revising the description of the Academy of Teaching found on the Campus Campaign website.

New Recipients of the Teaching Award
• The new recipients will be announced at the 4/11 awards ceremony.
• As we did last year, we will send the new recipients a letter from Yousif that will explain the Academy of Teaching, invite them to the mini-conference, and invite them to the next executive council meeting.
• This year, we will follow up with telephone calls.

OSUAA Lunch
• Wayne, Caroline, Judy, and Yousif have RSVP’d to attend on May 17. (Joe, not Wayne, was mentioned as an attendee at the meeting. This is the confirmed list after the fact.)
• Yousif will be speaking for 10-15 minutes (confirmed by the event planners after the fact).
Mini-Conference
- Ann Christy has confirmed that she will present, but she has not been back in touch with Caroline.
- Susan Williams would be the best choice for our last session. Caroline has reached out to her.
- Steve Fink would be a good replacement or co-facilitator for Ann.
- We went over the schedule, which can be found at http://academy.osu.edu/events/mini-conf.html.

Volume VI of *Talking About Teaching*
Joe provided us with a list of confirmed and pending essays for *Talking About Teaching*.

2013 Mini-Conference
- Topics suggestions:
  - Teaching difficult content (hard to learn, students resistant to, religion, politics, bottleneck concept – source of difficulty varies)
  - Academy members share best teaching practices
  - Open to other suggestions
- We should schedule it between spring break and the end of term

Humanities Institute
Rick Livingston is working with the Alumni Association to put on an event at Homecoming, and they want to invite some great teachers from the humanities to speak about staying in touch with the university. Alan would like to forward the request to the Academy list. The Executive Council gave the go-ahead.

Fall Reception
- We may invite Valerie Lee to speak about diversity.
- Joe Donnermeyer mentioned John Glenn.
- We will set a date later, but we had better avoid the 7th week.

Next Meeting in May
- Jennie will send out a Doodle poll.
- We will invite new members to attend.