

Academy of Teaching Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 10
2:30–3:30 p.m.
211 Younklin Success Center

Present:

Avi Benatar
Ann Christy
Alan Kalish
Ben McCorkle
Jennie Williams

Review of Academy of Teaching Conference

- Reviewing 2016 conference
 - Generally, the feedback was quite positive, and we noted that retention was strong from beginning to end of the conference. We had 150 people attend.
 - Timing
 - Having it after spring semester was over was favorable.
 - It was the same day as senior grades were due, which posed a problem for some
 - Format
 - Breakout sessions were too short.
 - Usefulness of keynote is debatable, but we agreed we should continue to bring someone in for the next year or two.
 - Budget
 - We do not wish to charge people to attend.
 - We will look into the option of increasing our budgets provided by Alumni Association and Undergraduate Education.
 - We will look into co-sponsoring with other departments.
 - Size
 - Although several people commented they wished the conference had been bigger, we were at our true capacity using the Fawcett Center.
 - We'd prefer not to move into a bigger space, when we didn't have to turn people away (yet).
 - Location
 - Having it off main campus is nice because people are less likely to "wander" away.
 - Fawcett Center worked well but may want to consider 4-H Center.
 - Call for Proposals
 - There are changes we'd like to make to the call for proposals, to be discussed more in depth at a later date.
 - Proceedings

- We are posting conference materials on the conference website as they become available. Abstracts are already posted.
 - We may ask presenters to write *Talking about Teaching* posts.
 - Jennie should send formal thank-you letters to the presenters for their records.
- Planning next year's conference
 - Date: Thursday, May 4 (senior grades should be due the day before)
 - We are looking into the 4-H Center because it has a larger ballroom capacity, a space for the poster session and reception, and the building is more modern. However, we may have to add another concurrent breakout session in each time slot due to the size of available breakout rooms. Also, we can use Jennie's preferred outside caterer (Creative Cuisine), which could save significantly on cost of food. Jennie will reach out to the 4-H Center.
 - Alan is going to ask Randy Bass if he'd be the keynote speaker.

Executive Council

- The following Executive Council members' terms are expiring this year. Do any want to continue on?
 - Marc Ankerman
 - Jacob Boswell
 - Caroline Breitenberger
 - Ann Christy
 - Bishun Pandey
- Ann Christy would like to stay on as chair for another year. Those present warmly accept. We need to choose a vice-chair. We may want to change the guidelines of the Academy of Teaching Executive Council so that a chair's official term is two years.
- Jennie has not yet reached out to new Academy of Teaching members, but will, and will invite them to become part of the council.
- Scott Jones from the School of Music would like to join!

Next Meeting

Jennie will send out Doodle poll to schedule another meeting in late May/early June.