

Academy of Teaching Executive Council Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2017
211 Younkin Success Center
1:30–2:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Frederick Aldama (via FaceTime)
Lisa Cravens-Brown
Kim Gray
Alan Kalish
Katherine Kelly
Brian Lower
Jerry Masty
Ben McCorkle
Sue Sutherland
Jennie Williams

Introductions

Welcome to Frederick, Katherine, Brian, and Sue, who are joining us for the first time!
Welcome, Lisa, into the new role of chair.

Review of Annual Conference

- We visited the feedback from the conference and considered the unique value of this conference as opposed to Innovate (or other large-scale teaching-related events) and the timing of the event. We concluded:
 - Our conference is distinct in terms of “scale, scope, and pitch” (Ben), and audience, as well as in our focus on modeling effective teaching techniques and purposefully engaging our audience in active learning.
 - Our conference is meant to be a venue specifically for Ohio State teachers connecting and sharing ideas with other Ohio State teachers. It focuses on the expertise within our own community.
 - Our conference is an ideal size for our purpose and budget.
 - The timing of the conference works better than any other timing we considered (e.g., fall, later summer, earlier spring).
- We decided to keep the conference around the same time. We have areas to focus on improving and clarifying, but will keep the same general format.
- We briefly discussed whether to keep having a poster session but did not make a decision about this or other format-related questions at this meeting.
- We set a tentative date of May 3 with a preferred venue of the 4-H Center.
- We will hire students to help with tech support and clean-up so that utilizing the 4-H Center is not an extra hardship on UCAT staff (since it is not a full-service venue).

- We think having closing remarks where a speaker articulates themes that developed throughout the day is something we definitely want to keep for future conferences.
- We need to discuss the membership breakfast and its effectiveness and/or format.
- Be thinking about ideas for keynote speakers, in addition to the speaker Scott suggested at a previous meeting.

Annual Breakfast

We are looking at the weeks of September 18 or 25 for our annual breakfast. Jennie will invite the provost, and if we cannot find a date that works for him, we will invite the new Dean of Undergraduate Education (yet to be named).

Talking about Teaching Blog

Review the inaugural *Talking about Teaching* blog posts at academy.osu.edu. If you would like to submit a profile, the link will be sent to Executive Council members via email. How else would you like to utilize this space?

Next Meeting

Jennie will send out a Doodle poll to meet in August.