The Ohio State University Academy of Teaching
Executive Council Meeting
October 29, 2015
10:30am–12 noon
211 Younkin Success Center

Attendance:
Alan Kalish
Ann Christy
Avi Benatar
Ben McCorkle
Blaine Lilly
Caroline Breitenberger
Jennie Williams
Lisa Cravens-Brown
Wayne Carlson

I) Conference on Excellence in Teaching & Learning
   a) Call for Proposals
      1) Peer review
      2) Word count, template
      3) Citable scholarly publication/presentation
      4) Encourage to join the spirit by staying for as much as you can, provide opportunities for discussion by staying longer
      5) “Paper presentation” change to “presentation” — do not read your paper out loud!
      6) Include “student voice”
      7) 45-minute panels or 45-minute interactive sessions
      8) Proposal, acceptance, finalized abstract
      9) Alan will send out revision – please review and respond
   b) Other aspects
      1) Suggestion: Capturing via media
      2) Date change: May 4 or 5—[Jennie will check on space]
      3) Institute for Teaching and Learning involvement
      4) Invite president to give updates (keynote) — [Jennie will invite]
   c) Evening before
      1) Have it at Marion? No: Too many changing variables at once, and logistical problems
      2) We would like to include/involve people from all over Ohio State teaching community — maybe our long-term plan should be involving other campuses (rotating, for example)
         (1) Incentivizing regional campus attendees
         (2) Use technology to make it accessible to them on the own campus
         (3) Panel session for deans from regional campuses to talk about plans; discussion about differences between teaching at different campuses (the “flavors of Ohio State”)
d) Title
   1) “10th annual” = tradition
   2) Keep the “excellence”
   3) Add the “and learning”
   4) Make sure it’s differentiated from School of Teaching & Learning

II) Institute on Teaching & Learning
   a) Initial Summit was big picture; second event was focused, drill-down language in proposal itself
   b) Two-page outline on Jennifer Cowley’s u.osu.edu blog
   c) Coordination and advocacy for four pillars: support for faculty teaching, inquiry into teaching and learning, policy, communication
   d) This institute will partner internally (UCAT, CHEE, ODEE, CLSE, etc.) and externally
   e) Convene all conversations around teaching and learning
   f) It will likely have a faculty director and advisory committee (Alan has been advocating that the Academy should nominate advisory committee members)

III) Talking about Teaching Blog
   a) Caroline will be Academy point-person for the blog
   b) We have four essays written a long time ago: Brian Joseph, Ruth Sesco, Ed Valentine, and one by a graduate student
   c) Lisa’s experience with another blog:
      1) Structured question (don’t have to answer all, but give us your viewpoint)
      2) Submit picture of self, office, picture of you teaching
   d) Publish on Academy of Teaching website and publicize through UCAT’s channels.
   e) Caroline will contact the three outstanding essayists
   f) Lisa will provide her sample questions, and we will consider using this as a starting point for future posts
   g) Other suggestions for essayists (teaching in different modalities):
      1) President Drake
      2) Cory Tressler
      3) Athletic coach/teacher (Gene Smith)
      4) ASL instructor
      5) Dance instructor
      6) Dean at Mansfield (regional faculty)
      7) STEP faculty
      8) Office of International Affairs
      9) Teaching within competency-based learning environment (pharmacy, health profession, nursing, medical education)

Next meeting: 11am–12:30pm Thursday, January 21