

*Meeting Agenda
The Executive Council
The OSU Academy of Teaching
November 21, 2014
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
211 Younkin Success Center*

Attendance:

Ann Christy
Ben McCorkle
Caroline Breitenberger
Darcy Haag Granello
Jake Boswell
Jennie Williams
Kim Gray

- I. Welcome and announcements
 - a. Welcome to Kim Gray, Senior Director of Special Projects from the Ohio State Alumni Association. She will be taking the ex officio seat for the Alumni Association since there has been some shuffling of responsibilities, and it no longer fits for Connie to be on our council.
- II. Old business
 - a. GTA Training Initiatives
 - i. Executive Council members discussed some initiatives that happen in their areas and shared some ideas of how administrators, staff, and faculty might work together to provide teaching support and training in their departments.
 - ii. There are hurdles with the way GTA contracts are written.
 - iii. **Caroline will schedule an informal conversation with Phil** regarding some of the ideas suggested, the data UCAT has collected, and to get a better sense of how the Academy can help.
 - b. Autumn event follow-up
 - i. President Drake spoke very strongly about Ohio State becoming as well known for teaching as we are for research, and also how strongly poor teaching affects underprepared students. Through a President's Initiative on Teaching and Learning, he wants to enhance our teaching, learning from one

- another, and focus on evidence-based teaching.
- ii. The Academy of Teaching could play a role in mentoring, providing workshops, etc. for supporting teaching fellows.
 - iii. The main idea is to recognize and reward good teaching, and get everyone talking about teaching.
 - iv. Darcy mentioned the importance of focusing on P&T documents. Ann suggested the Academy put together a workshop about teaching-related information to use when writing P&T documents. An argument for rewarding faculty for their teaching efforts is the fiscal side of the issue (teaching brings more funding to most departments than research).
 - v. **Darcy** will send her department's previously used process for peer-review (based on UCAT's procedure for classroom observations) to Jennie for dissemination to the Executive Council.
 - vi. **Ann and Caroline** will approach Kay Wolf about the idea of changing the culture in the faculty evaluation process to emphasize or better evaluate teaching (language in P&T documents, examples chairs can use for teaching evaluation).
- c. 9th Annual Mini-conference: scheduling, updates on speakers
- i. Scott Freeman will be visiting Otterbein within two weeks of the conference, so it would probably not work for him to visit on April 10 as well. Should we change the date? **Caroline will follow up with Scott** to see whether he could extend his visit and run the dates by the Executive Council to potentially change our date.
 - ii. Ben followed up with Jim Fowler who can present on the current date.
 - iii. Ben says ODEE is amenable.
 - iv. Tentative Agenda
 1. Welcome/introductions (9-9:15am) – possible Terrell Strayhorn
 2. Keynote (9:15-10:30)
 3. Break (10:30-10:45)
 4. Jim Fowler on Adaptive Learning in context of MOOC (10:45-11:30)
 5. Nicole Kraft on iTunes U (11:30-12:15)

6. Lunch and Founder's Award (12:15-1:00)

7. UCAT/ODEE – application/practical tools for data gathering (1:00-2:00)

v. **Jennie** will run a save-the-date in the UCAT newsletter.

d. Talking about Teaching follow-up: Caroline has contacted Joe about *Talking about Teaching* but has not heard back yet.

e. Founder's Award: **Caroline** will prepare a nomination for Susan Williams and send it out to the Executive Council to vote on.

f. Discovery Themes: We haven't yet heard back from Jay Hobgood. We had a brief discussion about explicitly integrating the Discovery Themes into the hiring process and General Education courses.

III. New business

a. President's Initiative on Teaching and Learning: See above under Old Business > Autumn Event Follow-up.

b. Other

i. **Spring Meetings:** We will continue meeting in the spring semester the third Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be **Friday, January 16.**