

Academy of Teaching Executive Council Meeting

June 1, 2016

11am–12pm

211 Younkin Success Center

In attendance:

Wayne Carlson

Ben McCorkle

Kim Gray

Marc Ankerman

Scott Jones

Jerry Masty

Avi Benatar

Alan Kalish

Caroline Breitenberger

Ann Christy

Jennie Williams

Institute Updates

Alan announced the mentor program that will be launched through the new Institute for Teaching & Learning. We discussed what group/levels of instructors were eligible to be mentors. Additionally, director interviews were held last week.

Chair and Member Transitions

Members whose terms are up were asked to confirm whether they'd like to renew membership for a second term or take some time to decide. Marc agreed to stay for another term, while Caroline opted to wait to respond. Jacob Boswell and Bishun Pandey are also at the expiration of their term, but were not present. Jennie will contact them.

Scott Jones was in attendance at his first meeting and will decide whether he wishes to begin a 3-year term.

We discussed updating the executive council guidelines to change the chair term to two years, adding a vice-chair for one year to "shadow" the chair and prepare to take over the position. The group agreed to this change.

Ben McCorkle and Lisa Cravens-Brown were nominated to be vice-chair for the 2016-17 academic year. Ben is considering; Jennie will contact Lisa to see if she is interested.

Conference

We discussed the pros and cons of having the annual conference at the 4H Center vs. the Fawcett Center. The cost savings, size of the plenary space, and better aesthetics of the building

were the deciding factors in choosing the 4H Center. Jennie was concerned about the need to take care of room setup/cleanup, but we agreed the caterers should be able to help, and we should have the budget to pay them to do so given the cost savings overall for the event.

Additional planning and brainstorming for next conference:

- Alan emailed Randy Bass but has not yet heard a response.
- Marc suggested having themed table talks at lunch. Perhaps we could have the speakers assigned to tables or “plant” a table host/facilitator. People may need to sign up in advance – if there is not enough interest, we cancel.
- We discussed the length of the breakout sessions (time needs to be increased if we are asking people to have interactive sessions). We could have a variety of times – some 40-minute sessions and some 1-hour sessions, with an ongoing poster session.
- We might opt to have a run-through with all presenters before the conference to try to get everyone on the same page.
- We discussed asking potential presenters to indicate in their proposals what kind of teaching practice they will be demonstrating during the session.
- We discussed other methods of engaging participants in “backchannel” conversation and informal engagement (e.g., wall where they write or post teaching tips).

Talking about Teaching Blog

Caroline is in conversation with our three initial essay-writers about submitting revised essays for the blog. Jennie will post the blog guidelines on the website. We might ask conference presenters and/ or Institute personnel to write blogs.

Fall Reception

Save the date: Monday, September 19 from 9–10:30am at the Faculty Club

Next Meeting

Jennie will send a Doodle poll for August 23-24.