The Ohio State University Academy of Teaching
Executive Council Meeting
April 8, 2013 | 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Room 211, Younkin Success Center

Present: Marc Ankerman
       Caroline Breitenberger
       Darcy Haag Granello
       Alan Kalish
       Jennie Williams
       Mohamed Yousif

New Members of the Executive Council and Farewell to Outgoing

• Thank you very much, Yousif! Yousif says he will always be available for us and will be attending our events.

• Welcome to Bishun Pandey, Darcy Granello, and Marc Ankerman.

Review of the 7th Annual Mini-Conference

• Enjoyed format of interactive workshop. Felt more cohesive. Felt energy around us – learning from each other.

• In the future, we should continue having interactive workshops, group work, and/or do a better job getting speakers on the same page ahead of time.

2013 Fall Reception

• Question was raised – why have we opened it up to the campus community?
  o Because if we’re going to have someone speak to us about an issue of great importance to the university, we don’t want to keep it to ourselves.
  o But should it be Academy of Teaching members seeing themselves as hosts, inviting friends, etc.?
  o Suggestion – distinguish Academy members from other participants

• Perhaps we need more dynamic, inspiring speakers that will make people excited to come and bring friends.
  o Speaker doesn’t have to be an academic administrator at Ohio State.
  o Maybe the speaker doesn’t even have to be from Ohio State.
  o Suggestion – speaker about MOOCs, distance learning, etc.
Suggestion – student values, motivation, professional ethics
Suggestion – STEP program (sophomores) – Leslie Alexander

- Shooting for first two weeks of October, depending on speaker availability (September 30–October 11)

**Contacting/Welcoming New Members of the Academy**

Jennie and Caroline will put together a letter and send it out to the new members.

**Talking About Teaching**

- Joe had gotten enough commitments but not enough submissions the last we heard.
- Perhaps Joan Middendorf would be able to submit an essay that summarizes Decoding the Disciplines.
- Let’s wait until next year to name an Editor-in-Chief.

**8th Mini-Conference (2014)**

- Timing may need to be revisited now that we have a better handle on semesters – maybe late February, or in any case, before spring break.
- Important to choose a topic and market in a way that appeals to a wide variety of participants by addressing the core of an issue.
- “Flipped classrooms” and student-centered learning came out frequently in the feedback as suggested topics for a future conference. Maybe we don’t want to concentrate on techniques, but more the core issues surrounding teaching.
- UCAT may be able to pitch in funds to bring in our book group author as part of the conference.

**New Business**

- OSU Alumni Associated Board of Directors luncheon on May 9. Executive Council members and new award recipients are invited. Please RSVP directly to Angela Doerschlag per the email we sent.