

Academy of Teaching

June 11, 2018

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Greg Anderson

Avi Benatar

Ann Christy

Lisa Cravens-Brown

David Graham

Alan Kalish

Jerry Masty

Jennie Williams

Debrief our recent conference

- The feedback provides evidence that we have offered is very successful according to participants. They see it as a local, homegrown event, attended by Ohio State instructors and focused on teaching at Ohio State. Jerry pointed out:
 - 97% strongly or somewhat agree it was a valuable experience.
 - 91% agreed the event helped them feel connected with community.
- There was some question about the value of the closing session. Is there a better way we could use this time?
- Lunch lines — this was a bit of a disaster. We at least need to have two double-sided stations, if not boxed lunches or plated meals.
- Several mentioned quality of keynote speaker. We still need to be mindful of cost, however.
- Sessions/schedule
 - Room size vs. size of group should be planned as carefully as possible.
 - A/V: it worked better to have computers in the room this year, instead of having presenters bring their own. However, there were still some technical glitches.
 - People would like a little more downtime.
- Lightning Round
 - Seemed to go over well
 - We need a 1-minute warning sign
 - We need to let them know that room monitor will keep timer
 - Lisa had all three presenters go first and then do Q&A
 - Next year, consider whether we can add a couple of more minutes onto the time
 - Continue careful thematic planning
- Preparation/training for speakers
 - More development for Lightning Round presenters – explain we are going for more of a TED talk
 - For all presenters, provide more development – give feedback on submitted timelines, outcomes, etc.

Discuss potential plans to collaborate with Innovate next year

After a lot of discussion about our motivation for wanting to pair the two conferences together, what we achieve with our conference and what is important about our conference (community-building amongst Ohio State faculty; new ideas to try in our own classrooms; local, homegrown feel; inspiration and encouragement), we made the decision that we should continue to host our conference in its current format and timing. We do not wish to pursue pairing our conference with Innovate, as we feel the size, atmosphere, audience, and focus are too different to effectively further the goals of our conference. Jennie will write to the Innovate team to let them know.

However, we do not want to miss out on being key players if the university (namely UITL) move forward with the part of the president's strategic plan that calls for hosting a national conference on teaching and learning. We do not feel that our conference needs to *convert* into that—we feel we could have both—but we feel we are well-equipped to be at the table for the planning and execution of such an event. We will reach out to Kay Halasek to communicate that we have idea and enthusiasm and want to be part of the process.

2019 Conference: Tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2019. Jennie will look into the 4-H Center and Fawcett Center.

Plan for fall programming

We would like to invite Vice Provost James of Diversity and Inclusion, James Moore, to speak at our 2018 breakfast. If he is not available, we may ask Beth Hume or the new Graduate School Dean. We tentatively set the date for Monday, September 24, with alternate dates of Tuesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 27.

Membership changes:

- Thank you, Avi and Ann, for your service!
- New members interested in joining Executive Council: Andrew Heckler, Greg Anderson)
- The group confirmed Ben McCorkle as new Vice Chair.

Note: Jennie will be out on maternity leave, starting no later than July 20. Alan will fill in.