

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