

ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHING SCHOLARS

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Meeting Notes

Date: September 14, 2009

Place: 354 Tigert Hall

Attendees: *Distinguished Teaching Scholars:* Dr. Oscar D. Crisalle, Dr. Elliot Douglas, Dr. Douglas J. Levey, Dr. Michael Olexa, Dr. Marianne Schmink.

The Academy met on this date with the participation of the attendees listed above. The meeting started at 12:00 PM and adjourned at 1:20 PM. The subject matter discussed comprised the issues itemized below.

1 Elections of Chair and Secretary

- 1.1 Dr. Levey distributed ballots for the election of Chair and Secretary. Dr. Richards was the only nominee for the position of Chair and Dr. Crisalle the only nominee for the position of Secretary.
- 1.2 Dr. Levey will distribute ballots to the Academy members who were not present. All votes are due within 48 hours of the time when today's meeting adjourned.
- 1.3 Tentative modifications for next-year's election process were discussed. A draft of a proposal that includes the suggestions advanced during the meeting will be included in the document entitled "ADTS - Policies and Practices Rev 7.doc" to be distributed by the Secretary.

2 New liaison personnel in the Office of the Provost

Associate Provost Kathleen Long will be the new administrative liaison between the Academy with the Office of the Provost. Her secretary, Ellen Sattler, will serve as the Academy's administrative staff contact person.

3 Invitation for Academy Participation in this year's NSF Fellows Day

Dr. Levey invited the members of the Academy to participate in the NSF Fellows Day activities that will take place this year. This activity is not only open to graduate students who are recipients of an NSF Fellowship, but also to all graduate students who have an interest in teaching and scholarly work. Academy members are invited to participate as panelists in a one-hour event that will take place on October 13.

In addition, Academy members are invited to contribute to the organization and delivery of a series of workshops in the Spring 2010 semester. For contextual reference, Dr. Levey explained that these events are sponsored by the I-Cube initiative.

Dr. Levey will send additional information to all members this week.

3 Tentative definition of Working Committees

Last year's Academy discussions included the formation of specialized working committees that would address specific issues that address the mission and vision of the Academy.

Each Working Committee would be comprised of at least two members. It is anticipated that the committees will be chaired by members who have demonstrated a passionate interest on a specific topic of relevance to the committee.

The Secretary has proposed a vision restated here to serve as a basis for future discussion:

- a) Each Working Committee will be formed with voluntary membership, with the assistance of the Chair as facilitator. Each committee will produce (1) a statement of mission, and (2) a list of target tasks with their intended dates of completion within the current school year (Fall thorough the end of Summer), and (3) each committee will have a Committee Chair designated by the Chair of the Academy
- b) The following tentative list of committees were informally discussed last year, and a brief revision of the list was carried out during today's meeting:

1. *Induction Application Procedures* (simplify the process for applying for membership in the Academy and ensure that correct and unambiguous application instructions are disseminated to the academic community).

2. *Cross-Campus Best Practices* (identify what activities are being carried out in other schools regarding various aspects of teaching and research scholarship: teaching centers and programs, reward systems, mentoring, pedagogical research, etc).

3. *Funding Initiatives* (identify sources of extramural funding and motivate non-Academy members to apply for those resources, including the John Templeton Foundation, for example).

4. *Honors Program and Academic Quality* (identify venues for the Academy to participate in a formal fashion in the Honors Program and seek improvements in the academic quality of our curriculum by addressing large-scope issues such as grade inflation).

5. *Intramural Pedagogical Initiatives* (identify venues for educating UF graduate students and faculty on pedagogical practices, leading to establishing a national reputation for UF as seed institution for university-level educators).

4 Location of Future Meetings

Dr. Doug Levey indicated that future meetings of the Academy for the Fall 2009 semester will take place in Room 239 A Tigert Hall, at noon on the SECOND Monday of each month: September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14.

5 Academy of members no longer at UF

Academy inductees Dr. Rick Rudd and Dr. Robert Cox are not longer at UF. Dr. Doug Levey suggested that Academy Members who are no longer at UF should continue to be listed as part of the membership, since the induction is a permanent (lifetime) appointment. Dr. Levey suggested that we should not burden these members with regular e-mail communications. Dr. Smink suggested that we list these members as "no longer at the University of Florida" in our literature (for example, in our web site). Dr. Levey mentioned that assigning a status of "Emeritus" to these members would not be a good practice to avoid potentially negative connotations. The Secretary will temporarily implement Dr. Schmink's suggestion in our web page (changes can be made as needed based on future discussions).

6 Other pending business

- 6.1 Pointed out that on our meeting agenda of 4/14/09 included a request from the Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Hank Frierson, to include the Academy in efforts leading to the establishment of a teaching and instructional development center for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.
- 6.2 The latest version of vision and mission statements of the Academy, as proposed by Dr. Wiliam Logan 4/8/09 has been submitted by the Secretary for inclusion in the Academy web site. A final discussion in a future meeting is necessary should any adjustments still need to be made. The topic was on today's meeting agenda, but it was not addressed due to lack of time.

Respectfully submitted by

Prof. Oscar D. Crisalle

Secretary, Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars