

## **Academy of Distinguished Scholar Teachers**

30 March 2012

### *Attending members*

J. Adler, B. Barletta, L. Behar-Horenstein, D. Boxer, O. Crisalle, E. Douglas, S. Homan, G. Kauwell, H. Louthan, M. Schmink

The meeting opened with a brief report by Marianne Schmink concerning pedagogical concerns. She recapped activities of the I-Cubed Teaching Subcommittee. Over the weekend she followed up by sending Academy members minutes from their March 26 meeting. She also noted that on Friday, April 6 Academic Technology is running an "Excellence in Teaching" seminar.

Gail Kauwell gave an update on the revised application materials for the Academy. There was a consensus that application materials should be distributed early in the academic year. It would be ideal if there could be announcements for the Academy as early as October.

Oscar Crisalle spoke to the issue of the Scholars Walk. He and Michael Olexa have been in dialogue with the College of Architecture. There has been discussion of organizing a student competition for its design. He raised the possibility of having members contribute to a fund to support a prize for the project.

There was also a brief discussion concerning leadership in the Academy for next year. Howard Louthan raised the issue of continuity and the challenges a new leadership team faces in establishing new directions and priorities for the Academy with a compressed timetable. By the time general initiatives are sketched out by the group, the academic year is coming to a close, and the cycle begins again.

At the meeting's close, Linda Behar-Horenstein proposed that the Academy issue an annual report. Members would submit brief statements of their activities in conjunction with their vision for the Academy.

The final meeting of the Academy for April 27 was cancelled and replaced by the dinner gathering at the home of Sid Homan.