

Academy of Distinguished Scholar Teachers

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Attending members

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Conversation revolved around two major points of discussion.

Meeting with the Foundation: A number of the members of the Academy met with Foundation Representative Carter Boydstun to discuss funding possibilities for both the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) and the Scholars' Walk.

O. Crisalle summarized the discussion. In general those who attended the meeting were less than enthusiastic with the outcome. While Boydstun was not hostile to either idea, neither was he particularly helpful or enthusiastic concerning either proposal. If the Academy comes up with a donor, the Foundation will certainly work with us, but it does not seem likely that too much energy or initiative will be forthcoming from the Foundation for either the Scholars Walk or the TLC.

A more general discussion ensued concerning future steps. Some proposed putting together a brochure on the Scholars' Walk and approaching President Machen directly. There was also interest in putting together a similar brochure for the TLC from the research and reports already drawn up.

Questions were raised concerning the amount of money needed to start the TLC. One estimate was \$5,000,000.

A second conversation developed more broadly concerning the **mission of the Academy**.

Nigel Richardson offered a brief history lesson as he outlined the origin of the program that dates back to 2004.

New members were also referred back to the brief vision and mission statement of the Academy that is posted online.

<http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/Provost/Pages/Academy-of-Distinguished-Teaching-Scholars/VisionAndMission>

Elliot Douglas suggested that the Academy devote an extended meeting to a strategic exercise addressing a number of the basic questions concerning the role and function of the Academy.

Members expressed a variety of opinions regarding the Academy's purview. They ranged from the writing of position papers to the advocacy of specific projects.

The meeting closed with plans to address these issues in an upcoming session. It was also noted that an extraordinary session will need to be scheduled to evaluate new candidates for the Academy. The deadline for applications is next Friday, February 10.