



## MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate

From: Dr. Douglas Ivison - Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee

Senate Meeting Date: 15 April 2019

Subject: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report

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The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) met on April 9:

- Dr. Rhonda Dubec, Coordinator of Instructional Development, gave a presentation on Universal Design for Learning. She highlighted the importance of Universal Design to ensure that all students have equitable access to learning, and noted there are low-cost (even cost-neutral) resources to help faculty members incorporate Universal Design into their teaching practices. The committee discussed the need to assess the existing integration of Universal Design in courses across the university, to provide training to faculty members and administrative assistants, and to promote the principles of Universal Design across the university. The committee will be discussing this further at its next meeting.
- The Learning Spaces and Technologies subcommittee reported that a pilot project is testing out Peer Scholar, a peer review system.
- The Teaching Awards subcommittee reported that it is in the process of reviewing the dossiers for the Teaching Innovation Award and will be presenting its recommended recipients to the May meeting of STLC. In addition, it will begin reviewing the dossiers for the Contribution to Teaching Award, and assessing the eligibility of those nominated for the Distinguished Instructor Award.
- Past Exam Policy Review subcommittee reported that it is in the process of soliciting student and reviewing documentation related to the existing policy, and hopes to have recommendations to STLC in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Douglas Ivison  
Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee