



MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate

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

Senate Meeting Date: 18 March 2019

Subject: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) met on March 11:

- The Accessibility subcommittee reported it has been discussing Universal Design. Rhonda Dubec, Coordinator of Instructional Development, will give a presentation on Universal Design to the full STLC at its next meeting.
- The Teaching Commons will be holding this year's Summer Institute on August 13-15 on the topic "Teaching Thinking." More details to follow.
- The Learning Spaces and Technologies subcommittee reported that the pro version of Kahoot, a classroom response system, has been licensed as a pilot project. Lakehead has also purchased a pro license for zoom, a video-conferencing tool, and a limited license for NVivo, a qualitative data analysis software package.
- The Library subcommittee has held meetings with the University Archivist to discuss the condition of the archives. A report by the Canadian Conservation Institute has identified some challenges for the archives, and the collection is currently draped in plastic due to leaks.
- The Library subcommittee also reported that the 2019-20 Library acquisitions budget may be cut, with the result some journal packages may have to be cut.
- The Teaching Awards subcommittee reported that it has received completed nomination dossiers for the Teaching Innovation Award and will be reviewing them at its next meeting. It is also has received nominations for the Contribution to Teaching Award and has invited those nominated to submit their dossiers.
- Nominations for the Distinguished Instructor Award are due by March 31. Please consider nominating instructors for this prestigious award.
- STLC approved a change to the Contribution to Teaching Award and is forwarding it to Senate for approval (see motion below).
- The Writing and Communication subcommittee has compiled a database of Writing Across the Curriculum resources.

- The ad-hoc Past Exam Policy Review subcommittee has begun the work of reviewing the policy that makes past final examinations available to students. The policy has not been updated since 2001, and the subcommittee has identified issues with the policy, particularly inconsistent compliance due in large part to systemic issues.
- Editors Canada has issued new guidelines for the ethical editing of students' work, and encourages universities to discuss the types of editing assistance that students may receive. A link to the guidelines is available on the Teaching Commons website: <https://teachingcommons.lakeheadu.ca/ethical-editing-student-texts>

Motion: That Senate approve the revision to the Contribution to Teaching Award

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee