

MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate

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

Date: 25 June 2018

Subject: 2017-18 Annual Report

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) met eleven times during the 2017-18 academic year. It was chaired by Dr. Douglas Ivison, and ably supported by Kathy Boczek, Administrative Assistant in the Teaching Commons.

This was the first year for the newly constituted STLC after the reorganization of Senate committees approved by Senate the previous year.

The following is a summary of the major tasks undertaken by the STLC in 2017-18.

- Established, approved the Terms of Reference of, and filled positions on five sub-committees: Accessibility; Learning Spaces and Technology; Library; Teaching Awards; and Writing and Communication
- Reviewed and provided feedback on *Procedures Associated with the Policy on Accommodations and Access for Students with Disabilities/Medical Conditions*
- Recommended to Senate revisions to the Contribution to Teaching Award and Distinguished Instructor Award (approved by Senate)
- Recommended to the Provost the recipients of the 2018 Contribution to Teaching and Distinguished Instructor Awards
- Recommended to Senate the creation of a Teaching Innovation Award (to be discussed at September 2018 meeting of Senate)
- Reviewed outstanding recommendations of Provost's Task Force on Innovation and Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology and identified items for further discussion, including the development of a Lakehead University Teaching Chairs program
- Established ad-hoc sub-committees to: 1) develop a Lakehead University Teaching Chair program; 2) review implementation of Provost's Task Force recommendations related to teaching and research; and 3) review Senate regulation on *Examinations: Past Finals (Available to Students)*. They are expected to submit recommendations to STLC in September 2018.

The Chair for 2018-19 will be elected at the first meeting of 2018-19.

A big thank you to Kathy Boczek for all her excellent work in support of the STLC and its subcommittees.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Douglas Ivison

Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (2017-2018)