



MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate

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

Senate Meeting Date: March 2, 2020

Subject: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee met on February 27:

- The Learning Spaces and Technology subcommittee reported on its plans to conduct an assessment of physical space and technology in classroom and other learning spaces across the university. The goal is to draft a report by April, and then determine a timeline to refresh, renew, and renovate learning spaces.
- Given the importance to student success of access to writing support services, the Writing and Communication subcommittee recommended that pre-packaged text be drafted describing and linking to appropriate and available writing support services which could then be incorporated into course outlines. STLC agreed with this suggestion and tasked the Writing and Communication subcommittee with developing the text.
- The Teaching Awards subcommittee is in the process of adjudicating the Teaching Support Award and Teaching Innovation Award. Nominations have been received for the Contribution to Teaching Award, and nominees will be required to submit their dossiers by March 31. Nominations for the Distinguished Instructor Award are due March 31. Please consider nominating instructors for this prestigious award.
- The theme for this summer's Teaching Institute will be cultural competencies.
- Planning for next fall's Teaching and Learning Week is already underway. A potential theme is anti-racist pedagogies.
- The committee voted in favour of a motion to recommend to Senate that the policy on Inaugural Professorial Lectures policy be rescinded.
- The committee voted in favour of a motion to recommend to Senate that the policies on Code of Computing Practice and Email Policy of Lakehead University be referred to Senate Organization Committee for a review of the Approval Authority.

Motion: Moved that the policies on Code of Computing Practice and Email Policy of Lakehead University be referred to Senate Organization Committee (SOC) so

that it may review the Approval Authority for the policies and make a recommendation to Senate.

Motion: Moved that the policy on Inaugural Professorial Lectures be rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Douglas Ivison

Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee