

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate

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

Senate Meeting Date: May 11, 2020

Subject: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) met on April 20 and May 5.

- The STLC approved the recommendations of the Teaching Awards subcommittee
  for the Teaching Innovation Award and the Teaching Support Award. The
  subcommittee is currently reviewing the dossiers for the Contribution to Teaching
  Award, and has invited the nominees for the Distinguished Instructor Award to
  submit their dossiers by June 8.
- The STLC approved the recommendation of the Student Evaluation of Teaching ad-hoc subcommittee that it continue its review of the Senate policy on Student Feedback on Teaching in 2020-21.
- The STLC discussed its role in responding to the disruptions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. It received updates on the resources being provided to instructors to assist in the transition to online and remote instruction in the Spring/Summer terms, and on the plans to provide more support for online and remote instruction as we plan for Fall 2020. In collaboration with other universities, the University will be providing a series of workshops on online and remote instruction as part of the Summer Teaching Institute. At the June meeting, the Deputy Provost and Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning) will report on the University's plans for Fall 2020 and the supports being put in place to support instructors transitioning to online and remote instruction.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Douglas Ivison

Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee