



MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate

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

Date: 19 June 2019

Subject: 2018-19 Annual Report

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) met nine times during the 2018-19 academic year. It was chaired by Dr. Douglas Ivison, and ably supported by Kathy Boczek, Administrative Assistant in the Teaching Commons. Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston was elected Vice-Chair at the February meeting.

The following is a summary of the major tasks undertaken by the STLC in 2018-19.

- Revised its Terms of Reference, adding the position of Vice-Chair. The revisions were approved by Senate.
- Discussed the results of the Learning Space Rating System pilot and whether to continue the assessments.
- The Writing and Communication subcommittee organized a series of activities for the National Day of Writing (19 October 2018).
- Provided feedback on the Institutional Accountability section of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan.
- The Library subcommittee recommended that the university provide funding to subscribe to the ProQuest Dissertation database.
- The Learning Spaces and Technologies subcommittee conducted a survey of faculty members regarding the use of classroom response systems and recommended that the pro version of Kahoot be licensed (and it was).
- The Writing and Communication subcommittee compiled a database of Writing Across the Curriculum resources.
- Recommended to the Provost the recipients of the inaugural Teaching Innovation Award, as well as the recipients of the Contribution to Teaching Award and Distinguished Instructor Award.
- Recommended to Senate revisions to the Contribution to Teaching Award (approved by Senate).

- Began discussions and consultations on implementing Universal Design for Learning across the university.
- Recommended to Senate the creation of a Teaching Support Award. Notice of Motion will be on the Agenda of the September Senate meeting.
- Reviewed the Senate policy on past exams. Specific recommendations for revisions will go to Senate in Fall 2019.
- Discussed the creation of a Lakehead University Teaching Chair program, with consultations and discussions to continue over the summer months.
- Created a subcommittee to conduct a review of the Senate policy on Student Feedback on Teaching, including the associated procedures and the appropriate evaluation instrument(s). The subcommittee is to report to STLC in January 2020.

The Chair for 2019-20 will be Dr. Douglas Ivison. The Vice-Chair will be Dr. Donald Henne..

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 (2018-2019)