

## MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate

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

Senate Meeting Date: 16 September 2019

Subject: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report

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The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) met on June 17:

- The Learning Spaces and Technology subcommittee reported that RC 1001 will be renovated over the summer to transform it into an active classroom.
- The Teaching Awards subcommittee presented its recommendation for the 2018-19 Distinguished Instructor Award. STLC endorsed the recommendation and forwarded it to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) for approval.
- STLC recommended that Senate approve the creation of a Teaching Support Award and the associated policy (see attached).
- The Past Exam Policy Review subcommittee submitted its report, which did not recommend changes to the existing policy but noted that there needed to be improvements in the implementation of the policy. In particular, instructors need to be made aware of the policy, and the system needs to be improved so the policy is consistently observed for exams held in Orillia and through D2L. A working group will be struck to discuss how to improve awareness and compliance.
- A draft description of a Lakehead University Teaching Chair program was discussed.
- STLC approved the Terms of Reference for a subcommittee to review the Senate policy on Student Feedback on Teaching. The subcommittee is expected to report back to STLC in Winter 2020.
- STLC reviewed the 2018-19 Annual Report to Senate.
- Dr. Douglas Ivison was acclaimed as Chair for 2019-20 and Dr. Donald Henne as Vice-Chair.

**Notice of Motion: That Senate approve the creation of a Teaching Support Award and its associated policy.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Douglas Ivison  
Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee



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The Senate Teaching and Learning held its first meeting of 2019-2020 on Monday, September 9, in which it:

- welcomed new members and confirmed Dr. Douglas Ivison as Chair and Dr. Donald Henne as Vice-Chair;
- reviewed the committee's Terms of Reference;
- appointed members to its standing sub-committees and the ad-hoc committee on Student Evaluation of Teaching;
- received a report on the successful Teaching Commons Summer Institute held in August; and
- discussed and expressed support for the 'rebooting' of the Teaching and Learning Symposium, which is tentatively scheduled for November, with some members volunteering to assist in planning the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Douglas Ivison  
Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee