



MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate

From: Apichart Linhananta - Chair, Senate Academic Information Technologies Committee

Senate Meeting Date: April 11, 2016

Subject: Senate Academic Information Technologies Committee

The Senate Academic Information Technologies Committee (SAITC) met on April 1st, 2016 to discuss a **proposal** by the **Provost's Task Force** (PTF) on Innovation and Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology. The ad-hoc PTF committee, chaired by Dr. Donald Kerr, proposes the creation of a **super committee** that will consolidate the work of **four committees**: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC); Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Committee (SCEDL); Senate Library Committee (SLC); and the Senate Academic Information Technologies Committee (SAITC).

1. PTF Ad-hoc Committee – Senate Teaching, Learning and Technology Committee Draft Terms of Reference. Dr. Kerr provided a summary of the recommendation to form a new Senate Committee and noted that it is up to each individual committee whether they would like to disband to form a “super committee”. The rationale for drafting the Senate Teaching and Technology (working title) Committee was provided. It was noted that four Committee Chairs have been involved to date and feedback is being sought from the SAITC members.
2. The Provost and Vice-President Academic provided a summary of the PTF framework, rationale and recommendations. The overlap between some of the Senate Standing Committees, such as the Senate Academic Information Technologies Committee, the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee, the Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Committee and the Senate Library Committee was discussed. It was acknowledged that there needs to be another mechanism to catch anything not covered in the “super committee” terms of reference and this will likely be taken care of at the Senate Organization Committee level. The benefits of a “super committee” were discussed and it was noted that this is a work in progress that has great potential but there has to be agreement from the affected Committees.
3. The following suggestions were noted: SAITC Research & Service sections of Terms of Reference need to be addressed; sub-committee similar to SAITC should be created under the proposed new Committee; SAITC members support a merger with the new super committee.

The SAITC passed a motion that the Committee accepts the spirit of the draft Senate Teaching, Learning and Technology (working title) Terms of Reference.

Apichart Linhananta, Chair.