

MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate From: Chris Murray - Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Senate Meeting Date: November 30, 2015 Subject: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee met on September 10th and October 30th.

1. Senate Teaching and Learning Committee 2015-2016 Chair

• Dr. Chris Murray was appointed as Chair

2. Terms of reference

• The committee is reviewing the terms of reference to make sure that committee membership reflects the current staffing of the Instructional Development Centre and that important responsibilities of the committee defined in other policies are reflected in the terms of reference.

3. Ad-hoc committee on Accessibility

• Terms of reference for this committee have been drafted, with an aim to make this a standing sub-committee. This sub-committee will work closely with and have membership in common with the University Accessibility Committee, and the input of the University Accessibility Committee will be solicited before the terms of reference are finalized.

4. Student Feedback on Teaching

• The committee as a whole will confirm its responsibilities with respect to the student feedback on teaching, as assigned by Senate (e.g. report on online evaluations).

5. Distinguished Instructor Award

• Two ad-hoc committees have been struck to review a. the procedure by which the distinguished instructor award candidates are assessed and b. the eligibility criteria for the distinguished instructor award, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Chris Murray, Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee