

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 11, 2015

To: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

From: Monica Flegel, Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee

Subject: **Senate Teaching and Learning Report for March 23rd Senate Meeting**

Items for information

The Committee met on February 27th.

The Chair notified the Committee that the Student Feedback on Teaching Policy had been passed at the Feb. 23rd Senate meeting.

The Committee then discussed the work that should be undertaken by the various sub-committees for the remainder of the year. It was agreed that the Teaching Awards Sub-committee should bring forward suggested changes to the Distinguished Lecturer Award, hopefully with direction from members of Senate (as requested at the Feb. 23rd Senate meeting) and that the larger committee should aim to bring a revised policy to Senate before the end of this committee's term. The SET (now SFT) Committee should continue to meet to discuss any issues pertaining to feedback on teaching, particularly issues pertaining to student engagement. It was also suggested that the SFT sub-committee begin the work of addressing changes to the survey instrument itself. The Accessibility Sub-Committee planned to meet in the following week.

Joan Chambers presented on behalf of the Senate Academic Information Technology Committee (SAIT). That committee is tackling issues arising from exam and course evaluation processing that uses existing Scantron hardware and software. TSC has requested greater involvement from the academic side regarding any decisions pertaining to investments in new software and hardware to support needed upgrades, but also in regards to the development of policy to encourage effective Scantron use. SAIT has requested that a shared ad hoc committee be struck comprised of members of both SAIT and STLC; the Committee agreed, and the ad hoc committee was formed.

Questions can be directed to the chair via email to mflegel@lakehead.ca or telephone (8285).