Senate Committee on Teaching Evaluation (SCTE) Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Ad-Hoc Senate Committee on Teaching Evaluation will investigate alternative holistic approaches to teaching evaluation that continue to include student feedback. The committee will recommend methods to mitigate bias and means of improvement in the evaluation of teaching effectiveness, which include student voices and feedback in that evaluation.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Conduct a review of various approaches to teaching evaluation, including alternative forms of student feedback, over a range of universities across Canada.
- Consider the role of numerical vs open-ended questions by students, and electronic surveys, as recommended by the Questions Committee.
- Provide advice on approaches and measures for selecting, collecting and interpreting evidence of teaching effectiveness that includes student voices in that evaluation.
- Undertake university-wide consultation and respond to queries and input from academic units, faculty members and students concerning the investigation of alternative approaches to teaching evaluation.
- Report to Senate on a periodic basis regarding the committee's progress and provide Senate with reports and recommendations as the Committee deems appropriate within its mandate.
- Make final recommendations and provide advice on a method of evaluation of teaching effectiveness, which includes student voices and feedback in that evaluation.

Membership

The committee consists of faculty, administration, and student representation. The membership consists of:

- 1. three faculty members / librarians (not necessarily Senators), appointed by the Senate Steering and Nominating Committee;
- 2. two undergraduate students, appointed by the Student Union;
- 3. one graduate student, appointed by the Graduate Student Association;
- 4. Manager, Teaching and Learning Centre;
- 5. staff member from EDI and Human Rights;
- 6. Department Chair, appointed by the Faculty Association;
- 7. a Dean; and
- 8. the Vice-President, Academic and Research (or designate), as Committee Chair.

POSITION	MEMBER	TERM END DATE
Vice-President, Academic & Research		
(Chair)		
Faculty Member		
Faculty Member		

Faculty Member	
Undergraduate Student Member	
Undergraduate Student Member	
Graduate Student Member	
Manager, Teaching & Learning Centre	
EDI & Human Rights Staff Member	
Department Chair	
Dean	