

COMMITTEE ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

Authority

This is a Standing Committee of Senate.

Purpose

The overall role of the Committee on Teaching and Learning is to contribute to maintaining, fostering and appreciating excellence in teaching and learning at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Membership

- Vice-President (Academic) ex officio
- Director of Distance Learning and Continuing Education ex officio
- Co-ordinator, Teaching and Learning ex officio
- Four faculty members elected by Senate. Each Faculty should have at least one member. Note: The normal term of faculty members will be three years. To ensure continuity on the Committee, the terms of these members will be staggered. One member will be elected annually by the Committee to serve as Chair.
- The Co-ordinator, Teaching and Learning will serve as the University's representative to the Association of Atlantic Universities Regional Coordinating Committee on Faculty Development and act as a liaison between SCOTL and the other Atlantic universities.
- One of these members will be selected annually to serve as SCOTL's representative on the Writing Initiatives Committee.
- Winners of the Alumnae Teaching Award and all Senate teaching awards, normally the most recent winners, will be invited to serve each year for a one-year term July 1 to June 30.
- One student chosen annually by the Students' Union.

Functions

- To foster and recognize teaching excellence;
- To monitor new developments in teaching approaches and pedagogies and to inform Senate of such developments;
- To consider and advise on academic matters and planning for areas of innovative education such as distributed learning, co-operative education and non-credit programming;
- To approve non-credit programs of study;
- To consider and bring recommendations to Senate on policy matters affecting teaching and learning, including instruments for student ratings of teaching;
- To provide a forum for the discussion of curriculum, pedagogy, teaching and learning consistent with the University's mission;
- To serve as the selection committee for the Instructional Leadership Award and any other teaching and learning awards under SCOTL's purview;
- To advise and consult with the Co-ordinator, Teaching and Learning on matters related to the Teaching and Learning Centre.