

**Teaching Excellence Committee
Faculty of Arts
Terms of Reference**

AUTHORITY:

Established by Arts Faculty Council as a standing committee of Faculty Council.

PURPOSE:

The committee shall adjudicate the annual Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Awards and the annual Faculty of Arts Teaching Awards (sessional faculty, new faculty and established faculty). The Committee also reviews Arts nominations for the annual UMSU/UTS Students' Teacher Recognition Reception and selects the Arts' graduating student(s) who will represent the Faculty at this event.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- 1) The Teaching Excellence Committee shall promote
 - the institutional recognition of excellence in teaching;
 - mechanisms to support and improve teaching techniques;
 - formative evaluation profiles of teaching; and
 - the dissemination of research on post-secondary instruction.
- 2) The committee shall select its own chair.
- 3) The committee shall review applications and select recipients for the Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award and the Faculty of Arts Teaching Awards (sessional faculty, new faculty and established faculty).
- 4) The committee shall also undertake special projects related to the functions outlined above when necessary.

COMPOSITION:

1. The Dean of Arts (or designate, normally the Associate Dean, Undergraduate) – *ex officio and non-voting as convener*.
2. Five academic faculty members elected by and from the members of Faculty Council for two year terms. Members shall have staggered terms of office to provide continuity from one year to the next.
3. One undergraduate student currently enrolled in the Faculty of Arts, appointed by the Senior Stick of the Arts Student Body Council.

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