

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
FROM: DR. BILL MUIRHEAD, ASSOCIATE PROVOST TEACHING AND LEARNING
SUBJECT: UOIT TEACHING AWARD—COMPLEMENTARY FACULTY
DATE: 6/6/2006
ATTACHMENTS: UOIT TEACHING AWARD CRITERIA AND POLICY

Background: The purpose of the UOIT Teaching Award is to “provide recognition for teaching excellence, to encourage its pursuit, to publicize such excellence when achieved across the University and in the wider community, and to promote informed discussion of teaching and its improvement. The Award demonstrates the value UOIT attaches to teaching and recognizes those who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of learning by UOIT students”. The UOIT Teaching Award was established to recognize the achievements of core university faculty thereby excluding complementary faculty.

Rationale: The number of complementary faculty including teaching-only faculty, part-time faculty, and sessional faculty has increased to over 100 individuals in 2005-2006. All undertake teaching activities in one form or another. To create an inclusive environment where teaching excellence can be recognized and celebrated, a Teaching Award for complementary faculty is necessary.

Proposal: It is appropriate that all who engage in teaching activities on campus. **It is proposed that the UOIT Teaching Award Policy be amended to include a second Teaching Award for Complementary Faculty to recognize excellence in teaching** (<http://www.uoit.ca/assets/Section~specific/About~UOIT/Administration/Academic~Council/20040316/Item%2010%20UOIT%20Teaching%20Award.doc>). The UOIT Teaching Award for Complementary Faculty would follow the same nomination process and criteria as the existing UOIT Teaching Award. The recipient of the annual award would be recognized annually at convocation. He/she would receive \$1500 and a plaque. The UOIT Teaching Award for Complementary Faculty would be awarded beginning in 2006.