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This Committee provides advice on all matters related to promoting membership engagement with and participation in UTFA.

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Commitment to Communication to Members

The Membership Committee has over the last year continued the good work led by its previous Chair, Judith Taylor. *We have continued with monthly Council meeting summaries for distribution by Council members to their constituencies.* Further, a process to modernize some of our communication platforms has also been a focus of my efforts this year. In particular, in collaboration with the fine work of Claire Reyes, redevelopment of the UTFA website has been progressing with the notion to make it more useful for our members and to better convey the important issues on which various committees at UTFA are working.

The UTFA Academic Citizenship Award

The Membership Committee is delighted to have received several outstanding nominations for UTFA's 2022 [Academic Citizenship Award](#) (to be awarded at a special ceremony at the end of May, 2023). *The award honours initiatives undertaken by members of UTFA who have made a significant contribution to our understanding of the relationship between the University and public life—whether by encouraging the positive engagement of academics in key social issues, or by working to extend democratic and accountable practices within the University itself, or by making an outstanding contribution to the well-being of their community.*

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