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Report of the Chair of the Teaching Stream Committee, 2025-2026

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This Committee advises the Council and Executive Committee on all matters of particular importance to faculty in the Teaching Stream, including workload, time for research and scholarship, and related equity issues.

This year, we have had a particular focus on the role of the Teaching Stream in governance at U of T, and the continued protection of our pedagogical and professional development work. Only a small sample of issues and concerns are outlined below; however, you can become more informed about Teaching Stream issues by joining our Teaching Stream Committee. Note that much of the work described was done in collaboration with UTFA Vice-President, Grievances, Sherri Helwig.

Success! Teaching Stream Faculty Eligibility for Academic Leadership Positions

Teaching Stream faculty want to be assessed on their merit, not excluded, on the basis of being Teaching Stream, from governance opportunities at U of T. UTFA's Leadership secured an agreement with the University Administration that recognizes that Teaching Stream faculty are eligible for appointments to academic administrator positions, including (but not limited to) Chairs of departments and the Directors of academic centres and institutes. This win means that Teaching Stream faculty members' qualifications will be assessed alongside those of other eligible candidates. Please contact UTFA if you have any questions or concerns.

Consultation Process Regarding Collaborator Statement Inclusion on Continuing Status Review for Teaching Stream Faculty

The University Administration asked UTFA to consult with Teaching Stream faculty regarding collaborator statement inclusion on continuing status reviews. Since UTFA has been successful in having both discipline and pedagogical research recognized for Teaching Stream faculty, an equal process here too is important and we are moving forward with this process.

Restrictive Eligibility Criteria for Teaching Stream

We are aware that some research and teaching opportunities at the University are open only to Tenure Stream faculty and we are actively investigating if these should include faculty in the Teaching Stream too.

We value your participation!

Thank you to all the Committee members for their dedication throughout the year. Six member meetings were scheduled in 2025-2026, with four of these open to all Teaching Stream faculty. You are encouraged to attend these open meetings to hear updates, share your concerns and, if you are interested, develop our checklist for Workload committees for Teaching Stream faculty, which has been a primary focus. Please be in touch – we look forward to your engagement on all the issues.

The annual Promotion and Continuing Status Review Workshop for Teaching Stream Faculty will be held on May 28, 2026, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and all interested are encouraged to attend.

Special thanks also to Terezia Zorić, Sherri Helwig, Kim MacKinnon and the amazing UTFA staff – Nellie De Lorenzi, Jessica Martin, Marisa Mikroulis, Gautam Jadhav and Claire Reyes – for all their support and guidance this year!

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