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## Teaching Awards Committee (TAC) Coordinator

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TO: Members of the Executive Board  
FROM: Mina Karabit  
SUBJECT: Teaching Awards Committee (TAC) Report 1  
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### **UPDATE**

Looking from the outside in the Teaching Awards Committee seems to be very quiet and inactive, but this is because both months of September and October have been used to prepare for the upcoming year. Most importantly the Fall Nomination Period is approaching, and all the preparations and promotions are prepared and ready to be launched on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will run until November 14th. We are hoping to not only increase the number of nominations received, but also utilize the data in a meaningful way to better promote teaching excellence at McMaster University.

### **SERVICE USAGE**

At this point, there has been no usage of the service from students as there has been nothing to 'use' from the service. The only 'usage' of the service has been from volunteers and SRA members on the committee with respect to gearing up for the nomination period ahead. There have been some inquiries from staff and faculty regarding the nomination procedure of the merit and lifetime achievement awards. However, by this time next month the service will have conducted the nomination period, and will be well on its way with class surveys.

### **PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

Much of the activity for TAC, thus far, has been preparatory in nature and very much behind the scenes to ensure a successful fall nomination period. For example, the pages on the website, as well as the past year's surveys have been updated and will be made live for the nomination period. In addition, design and production of promotional materials through the Underground is now complete. As a committee, we have held meetings to ensure that the information we are sharing with students about the service is consistent as well as having a coordinated plan for the nomination period.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

I am coordinating with the MSU Communications Officer – Alex Young – to produce and film a promotional video with a larger 'teaching oriented' scope asking students to reflect on a time in which a teacher has made a positive impact in their lives.

Of course, the most important event for the service will be the Fall Nomination Period, which will be held from November 3<sup>rd</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the video, we will be utilizing various promotional tools such as social media, posters, TV screens, tabling in MUSC, the large window banners, Union Market Coffee Sleeves. We will also be coordinating to have other services (such as Maroons, Advocacy Street Team) collaborate and promote the nomination period.

With the help and direction of the VP Education, Rodrigo Narro Perez, TAC will also be implementing a new Community Engagement Award to recognize professors who made a significant impact not only within the classroom/lecture hall but the outside Hamilton community.

### **BUDGET**

The budget is in a healthy position. At this time, the only expenses incurred by the service are for the promotions material paid out to both the Underground as well as Union Market.

### **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

We are down one SRA member as SRA Kinesiology Raymond Khanano has withdrawn himself from the position. Therefore, we are looking to add one more person, VP Education will be putting the motion forward at the next SRA meeting.

### **SUCSESSES**

I am happy to report that the individuals that form the committee are very much excited about the nomination period, and are participating and putting forth ideas about how to approach the nomination period.

### **OTHER**

I am excited to see the results and the feedback that students have for our professors. Hopefully, we can turn this feedback into a useful tool to improve the academic experiences of students.