Appendix A – Teaching Awards Parameters

The TAC shall confer Academic Division Awards to one (1) instructor in each academic division who:

* Did not receive the award for the previous academic year;
* Rank among the top two (2) nominees per nomination period. The top nominees will be determined by the percentage of nominations cast from the registered students in the instructor’s course with the discretion of the Coordinator;
* Received the highest average score of top nominees determined by the in class evaluations.

The TAC may confer Lifetime Achievement Award(s) to one (1) instructor each year who:

* Has shown dedication to teaching at McMaster University for a minimum of ten (10) years;
* Is close to retirement;
* Have shown evidence in their application of contribution to McMaster Academia, Student Life, and community outside of McMaster;
* Is selected by the TAC through a blinded review process of the applications.

The TAC may confer Merit Award(s) to up to two (2) instructors each year who:

* Are in their first or second year of teaching at McMaster University;
* Have shown evidence in their application of contribution and teaching abilities that have been significant, effective and worthy of distinction;
* Are selected by TAC through a blinded review process of the applications.

The TAC may confer Teaching Assistant Awards to up to two (2) Teaching or Instructional Assistants each year who:

* Rank among the top three (3) nominees per nomination period. The top nominees will be determined by the percentage of nominations cast from registered students in the instructor’s course with the discretion of the Coordinator;
* Received the highest average score of the top nominees determined by the in class evaluations.

The TAC may confer Pedagogical Innovation Award(s) to one (1) instructor who:

* Has shown innovation within their teaching or course design;
* Is one of the top four (4) nominees within their faculty;
* Has been selected by the TAC with the aid of the Vice-President (Education) through a blinded review process using comments received from the nomination and evaluation process.

The TAC may confer Community Engagement Award(s) to up to two (2) instructors each year who:

* Has shown dedication to Community Engaged Education at McMaster University;
* Has shown evidence in their application of contribution to the broader community;
* Are selected by TAC through a blinded review process of applications.

The TAC may confer Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance Award for Teaching Excellence to one (1) instructor each year who:

* Has shown evidence of interesting students in learning the course materials and engage their students in learning and discovery;
* Has shown evidence of helping students develop thinking and learning skills;
* Is a close second place nominee for another award;
* Has a contractually limited appointment;
* Has been selected by the TAC with the aid of the Vice-President (Education) through a blinded review process using comments received from the nomination and evaluation processes as well as curriculum vitae or teaching portfolio.

The TAC shall confer awards on criteria including but not limited to:

* Organization of the material;
* Ability to communicate;
* Delivery of style;
* Flexibility;
* Accessibility;
* Approachability;
* Enthusiasm of instructor;
* Overall teaching ability;
* Knowledge of Course Material.