

Committees of the Administration Year-End Report

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University Teaching Council (UTC)

Advisory to the Provost, who is represented by the Senior Associate Provost, the UTC meets monthly during the academic year to advance initiatives identified by Academic Affairs and by the committee's members. The committee comprises a mix of faculty and administrators and is currently chaired by Natasha Speer (Mathematics & Statistics and The Rise Center). The UTC is responsible for recommending the university's valedictorian and salutatorian awardees each February from a set of nominees put forward by the degree-granting colleges.

From 2015-18, the UTC developed a series of recommendations about resource needs for new faculty and new lecturers, many of which have influenced the ongoing redesign and expansion of New Faculty Orientation and new faculty resources. In 2018-19, the UTC focused primarily on developing a survey for UMaine lecturers in order to identify their degree of interest in formal mechanisms for career advancement, including title changes. The draft survey will be shared with the Provost in June 2019.