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Faculty Senate Ad-hoc Committee for the  
Evaluation of the Transdisciplinary Areas of Excellence Program (TAE)

The committee shall be composed of faculty representatives.

- One from each of the Professional Schools and the Library.
- Two from each of Harpur divisions.

The committee shall:

1. Request the Provost Office to provide a document describing the history and the future of the TAE program as a whole.
2. Request each one of the TAEs to conduct a self-evaluation by the end of the summer or early fall 2016.
3. Run a survey, in early fall 2016, of all faculty. The survey shall consist of two parts:
  - A. Questions about the TAE program as a whole.
  - B. Questions about each individual TAE. Five sets of questions, one for each TAE.
4. Faculty will be advised to answer questions in part A, and those sets of questions in part B they are familiar with. For questions in part A, the Provost's document on TAE will be provided as a supporting document. For each set of questions in part B, the self-evaluation will be provided as a supporting document.
5. Conduct conversations with groups of faculty to further explore issues raised by the survey. These groups include:
  - Department Chairs (Deans in non-departmentalized schools) and recruiting committee chairs.
  - TAE chairs and members of steering committees.
  - Faculty hired under the TAE program.
  - Faculty affiliated with the TAEs.
6. Elaborate a report with recommendations based on the supporting documents, the survey, and the conversations. The report shall be sent to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate with copies to the Provost and the TAE chairs.