

University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association (USFA)
Peter C. Dooley Legacy Award

Terms of Reference

1) Preamble:

Peter C. Dooley was Chair of the USFA when it became a certified trade union in the 1970s and he was intimately involved in writing our first Collective Agreement. His simple, yet revolutionary, view that the collegium is the primary decision-maker at a university is a central premise of the document. This view was initially considered by many other faculty associations as naïve and wrong but it has held us in good stead in the decades since, and has made our Agreement the model to which many other faculty associations in Canada continue to aspire. Very little of the original language of the Collective Agreement has been changed since it was negotiated in 1977.

Throughout his long career at the U of S, Peter was significantly involved in the activities of the USFA. He was elected Chair of the Executive Committee 7 times, more than anyone else since the Association came into existence in the 1950s. Gruff though he may have seemed on the outside, he was readily available to fulfill the very important pastoral role that is central to representing our members.

Peter played a pivotal role in pension reform and successfully fought to ensure that pension funds remained in the hands of USFA members. The results of his unwavering resolve are readily apparent in the USFA in so many ways it is difficult to bring them all to mind. To ensure that the role Peter played in making the USFA what it is today is not forgotten, the USFA Executive Committee has voted to establish "The Peter C. Dooley Legacy Award." The intention of the Award is to ensure that USFA members past and present continue to learn about Peter's work as a champion of collegial self-governance on behalf of the USFA and its members.

2) The Award:

The Award will take the form of a gift chosen by the selection committee with a maximum value of \$1,000 that will be presented to the recipient(s) at a dinner to celebrate collegial self-governance and to honor the legacy of Peter Dooley and the recipient.

There shall be only one Award per academic year (July1 to June 30).

3) Eligibility:

Open to a person, persons or an organization who has championed collegial decision-making and collegial self-governance in Canada. Past recipients of the Award, current USFA Executive Committee members, members of the Selection Committee and USFA Staff are not eligible for this award.

4) Selection Criteria:

The Award is given to a person, persons or an organization who has, through a long-term, cumulative contribution or a single, particularly important event or action, championed collegial decision-making and collegial self-governance in Canada.

It may be determined that no nominee meets the criteria for the award.

5) Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee shall be the USFA Member Engagement Committee. The quorum for all Selection Committee meetings shall be a simple majority of committee members.

6) Nomination Procedures:

Nominations for this award may be submitted at any time and can be made by any current USFA member or by any USFA committee except current USFA members serving on the Selection Committee or USFA Member Engagement Committee.

The nomination will be in the form of a letter, not exceeding 1,000 words, from the nominator describing how the nominee has made significant contributions to collegial decision-making and collegial self-governance. Nominators must also include a written agreement from the nominee that the nomination will be accepted.

By simple majority vote, the Selection Committee shall inform the Executive Committee of the name of the successful candidate for the award.