

Minutes of the OISE Council Meeting of

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land

In the opening statement, the Chair, Professor Katharine Janzen, acknowledged the traditional land on which the University of Toronto operates.

2. Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of OISE Council in 2021-2022, and provided an overview of the participation guidelines for virtual meetings.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

4. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A student member commented that the discussion regarding student funding and the decreasing number of Graduate Assistantships was not accurately portrayed in the minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting of OISE Council, and requested that the minutes be revised to provide additional context for the conversation. This suggestion was corroborated by another student member, and it was decided that the review and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of OISE Council be tabled until the next meeting.

Related to the ongoing discussion regarding student funding and the need for fundamental understanding of various mechanisms of funding, Professor Michele Peterson-Badali, Associate Dean, Research, International and Innovation, suggested that creating a forum for conversations and information sharing regarding student funding would be helpful to improve communication and understanding of student funding issues. The Interim Dean, Professor Normand Labrie, said that he would be willing to facilitate a dedicated discussion on student financial support at one of the upcoming meetings of OISE Council. Ms. Helen Huang, CAO, added that, in addition to conversations at OISE Council, it would be helpful to create a working group or a committee to support these discussions. It was agreed that creating a committee would be helpful; however, that this committee should be driven by students. A student member, Mr. Justin Holloway, agreed to work with other students towards establishing this committee.

5. Executive Committee

The Chair noted that, each year, new members of the Executive Committee are elected by and from among Council members at the first meeting of OISE Council. She then called for nominations from the floor to fill the vacant positions on the Executive Committee. On motions duly made, seconded and carried:

- Professor Angela Pyle was elected as the representative of teaching staff
- Dr. Gurpreet Sahmbi was elected as the representative of other academic appointees
- Ms. Sezen Atacan was elected as the representative administrative staff
- Mr. Justin Holloway was elected as the representative of graduate students

6. Dean's Report

Before commencing his report, the Interim Dean, Professor Normand Labrie, welcomed new and returning members of OISE Council. He then acknowledged new faculty on continuing and contract appointments, new administrative staff who joined OISE, and thanked faculty and staff who recently

retired for their contributions over the course of their careers. He especially welcomed 1232 domestic, and 273 international students who joined OISE this year, and congratulated 770 graduates. A minute of silence was dedicated to those who recently passed away.

The Interim Dean provided an overview of his priorities for the 2021-2022 academic year beginning with faculty renewal and nine faculty searches that were underway. In terms of academic administrative positions, the searches were underway for two department Chairs, and for the Director of the Dr. Eric Jackman Institute of Child Study. Related to external reviews, Professor Labrie informed members that the review reports and administrative responses for the deferred 2019-2020 review of the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, as well as for the 2020-2021 Provostial Review of OISE were considered, and were well received, by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) of the Governing Council at its October 26, 2021 meeting. In addition to implementing the recommendations from the recent external reviews, implementing the remaining priorities from OISE's Academic Plan will continue in 2021-2022—the last year of the Plan. Among the remaining priorities from the Plan is the post-pandemic recovery as part of the Mental Health and Wellbeing focusing theme, and the creation of the Centre for Black Studies in Education as part of the Equity, Diversity and Accessibility focusing theme. The proposal to establish this centre is awaiting review by the Provostial Advisory Group and will soon proceed to the Research Committee for review and approval before coming to OISE Council for final approval at the next meeting. Related to Indigenous education initiatives, the hiring of the administrative

classrooms and community (non-classroom) areas at the University. Given OISE's decision to continue to offer its courses online during the Fall term of 2021, the classrooms in the OISE building were booked by other divisions via the LSM. OISE does not receive any revenue from use of classrooms in its building by other divisions and programs regardless of tuition fees related to these programs.

Another question was raised regarding OISE budget and why it is not presented to nor approved by OISE

Professor Le Pichon-Vorstman reported that, at its first meeting of 2021-2022, the Committee reviewed the last year's activities and discussed goals and priorities for the current academic year. Among the last year's activities were the three successful events organized by the Committee including the second installation of the "Black Faculty in Conversation

education programs are infused with high quality innovative research and scholarship, providing graduates with a distinct skillset with a strong foundation in research and inquiry.

9. Sustainability and Climate Action Network (SCAN)

Ms. Alysse Kennedy—a doctoral student in the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, who works closely with the Environmental and Sustainability Education team, provided an update on the Sustainability and Climate Action Network.

Ms. Kennedy advised that, after extensive consultations with faculty, staff and students, OISE’s Climate Action initiative changed its name to the Sustainability and Climate Action Network (SCAN). Along with the new name, the work was underway to develop a community hub, as well as a new website for the initiative. It is expected that this work will soon be completed, and an update on these initiatives will be provided at the next Council meeting. A new community event is planned for January 2022, and the invitation will be extended to OISE Council members. In terms of supports for OISE students, it was noted that the Student Sustainability Guide was made available, the Student Sustainability Leadership team was in place with the Environmental Learning Circle meetings underway. The Co-curricular record designation in Sustainability was developed, which allows students engaged in this important work to receive a formal recognition for it. Regarding programming for the fall term, Ms. Kennedy highlighted eight webinars some of which are offered in collaboration with the OISE Wellness, OISE podcast