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Re: Suzanne Stewart and the New Dean's Advisory Council on Indigenous Education

To all OISE Faculty and Staff,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that Professor Suzanne Stewart, Special Advisor to the Dean on Aboriginal Education has taken an appointment as Director of the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health beginning in January 2017.

Suzanne was appointed to the newly established Special Advisor role in 2011. As Special Advisor, Suzanne played an important leadership role in Indigenous education at OISE and there is little doubt that she has had a significant influence on our initiatives in this area. She was Chair of the Indigenous Education Network, a group of students, faculty and community members who share a common commitment to and passion for Indigenous education and research, and Chair of the community-based Aboriginal Advisory Council, which advised the Dean on institutional policies, procedures, practices and programs to ensure that they reflect and respect the interests and needs of Aboriginal communities. She devoted considerable time and attention to working within local Native communities to share her experiences with regional, national, and international health and government organizations. Most recently, she chaired the OISE TRC Task Force which provided detailed and concrete recommendations for addressing the TRC's Final Report's Calls to Action. Suzanne has made significant contributions to our community, and she will be missed.

When it became clear that Suzanne would be accepting a new opportunity, I consulted with our Indigenous faculty colleagues in order to obtain advice on how to move forward in this area. The clear consensus was to create an advisory committee that would meet with the Dean on a monthly basis and provide advice as a collective. We have now established the Dean's Advisory Council on Indigenous Education (DACIE). The Council will meet regularly with a rotating chair.

Membership of DACIE includes:

Martin Cannon, Associate Professor (SJE)
Jean-Paul Restoule, Associate Professor (LHAE)
Sandra Styres, Assistant Professor (CTL)
Eve Tuck, Associate Professor (SJE)
Stephanie Waterman, Associate Professor (LHAE)
Glen A. Jones, Professor and Dean

We will also be creating a position that will work closely with the Council and play a key operational role in moving OISE forward to meet our objectives in Indigenous education.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Suzanne for her dedicated commitment and contributions

to OISE as Special Advisor to the Dean on Aboriginal Education. The Dean's Office will be hosting a gathering on January 27th at 3pm in the Nexus Lounge in honour of Dr. Stewart and to wish her the very best in her new appointment. For more information and to RSVP please email dean.oise@utoronto.ca.

Take care,
Glen

Glen A. Jones, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean