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**A Message to Our Community from Interim Dean Glen Jones**

Dear OISE Faculty, Staff and Students,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the last weeks of the summer term as we move (perhaps a bit too quickly) into a new academic year. The senior administrative team has now settled into our new offices and we have been working hard to transition into our roles and responsibilities. A great deal has happened in the last few months, and I am writing to provide the community with an update on some key decisions and issues.

**Chair of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning**

Following Doug McDougall's appointment as Associate Dean, Programs, I consulted with members of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning and issued a public call for nominations in order to obtain advice on the appointment of a Chair. I appointed Professor Jim Hewitt as Acting Chair for the period until August 31<sup>st</sup>, and I am pleased to report that the University has now approved his appointment as Interim Chair that will extend his term until June 30, 2016. Please join me in thanking Jim for taking on this important role within the Institute. We will begin the process of selecting the next Chair of the Department in November.

**Promotion and Tenure**

Two exemplary members of our community were recently promoted to the rank of Full Professor. *Professor Tanya Titchkosky* of the Department of Social Justice Education is widely recognized for her contributions to the field of disability studies and she has played a key role in raising awareness of access and disability issues within our Institute and University. *Professor Creso Sa* of the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education is an outstanding contributor to the scholarship on organizational studies in higher education and research policy. Both scholars are models of excellence in terms of their research, teaching and service to our community.

With the final approval of the President, tenure and promotion to the rank of associate professor has now been awarded to two of our colleagues. *Professor Patricia Ganea* (Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development) is an expert in early cognitive development with an outstanding record of scholarship and teaching. *Professor Robert Simon* (Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning) is an exemplary teacher and researcher who is pursuing an exciting program of research on how educators develop understandings, curriculum, and pedagogy from students' diverse cultures, languages and literacy practices.

We will be organizing an event to recognize the accomplishments of these colleagues later in the year.

### **Faculty Renewal for 2015-16**

The Chairs and Deans discussed our priorities for faculty renewal during our first official meeting in early July. We have now received University approval for three new positions:

1. Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream in the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development specializing in school and child clinical psychology. Several years of challenging searches in this area of specialization have led the Department to recommend that the job be repositioned as teaching stream.
2. Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development specializing in mental health and special education.
3. Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning with specialization in early childhood education, language and literacy.

We are now working with the Departments on the advertisements for these positions and the membership of search committees will be announced in the coming months.

### **Communications and External Relations**

We have been considering OISE's communications and external relations activities with a view towards increasing our capacity by developing a more integrated approach to our external communications, advancement, and alumni relations. There are many, many wonderful things happening at OISE and we need to be able to share these stories with our external communities. In order to move forward, I have decided to combine the Director of Advancement position (which has remained empty for quite some time) and the Director of Strategic Communications position. Steve Robinson, who served our community for almost two years in the communications portfolio, has moved on. In light of these developments, I have appointed *Professor Charles Pascal* as Special Advisor to the Dean on External Relations. In addition to being a longstanding member of our community, Charles will bring considerable expertise in communications and resource development to this position, given the breadth and depth of his experience as a former deputy minister, college president, executive director of the Atkinson Charitable Foundation, and community leader. I have asked Charles to provide interim leadership to the communications, alumni and advancement portfolios, work with our community to develop and pursue short-term fund-raising priorities, and assist in the development of an advisory board that will strengthen our relationships with key external constituencies. Charles understands that external communications begins within our own organization and he will be seeking ideas at various internal meetings in the near future. Charles will continue his work in the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development, and has agreed to take on these new responsibilities for a one-year period beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **New Ranks for Teaching Stream Colleagues**

Earlier this year the University of Toronto Faculty Association and the University reached agreement on a number of important changes to the Policy and Procedures on Academic Appointments. Under one of these modifications, teaching stream faculty in continuing appointments have the option of shifting to the use of a new system of academic ranks. This is an important change that recognizes the contributions and standing of our teaching stream colleagues. With this in mind, the following individuals have been appointed to new ranks that more accurately reflect their work and status within our community and we would ask that you join us in congratulating them.

Kathy Broad, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (CTL)  
Bonnie Burstow, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (LHAE)  
Mark Evans, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (CTL)  
Garfield Gini-Newman, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (CTL)  
Steven Katz, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (APHD)  
Ron Lancaster, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (CTL)  
Cathy Marks Krpan, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (CTL)  
Hazel McBride, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (APHD)  
David Montemurro, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (CTL)  
Judith Silver, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (APHD)  
Leslie Stewart Rose, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (CTL)  
Terezia Zoric, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream (SJE)

## **OISE Mentorship Program**

A new OISE Mentorship Program was officially launched at an event in the Nexus Lounge on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This initiative is designed to help our students build their professional and academic networks through mentor relationships with volunteer alumni. The response to the initiative has been nothing short of outstanding. Ninety OISE students have been successfully matched with alumni from different professions, provinces and countries. Over 700 alumni mentors have volunteered to participate from countries all over the world, including Australia, China, Korea, Kuwait, Singapore, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

We are extremely proud of the great work of our OISE Mentorship Committee: Ashley Yoannou (Chair), Rumeet Billan, Jason Brennan, Carrie Chassels, Josh Harney, Sim Kapoor, Angela Nardozi, Shannon Salisbury, Gurpreet Sambhi, Xiaowen Shi, John Tucker, Curtis Wang and members from the OISE Alumni Association and the Graduate Students Association. Please feel free to contact Sim Kapoor, Associate Director of Alumni Programs & External Relations at [oise.mentorship@utoronto.ca](mailto:oise.mentorship@utoronto.ca) for more information on the program or if you wish to join the Mentorship Committee.

## **University of Toronto Arbor Awards**

I am pleased to announce that a number of community volunteers who have made significant contributions to OISE will receive the University of Toronto Arbor Award in recognition of their service. This year eight individuals will receive this distinguished award

at a ceremony that will take place on September 9<sup>th</sup>: Rumeet Billan, Jason De Luca, Sandy Houston, Kirsten Hanson, Robert Muncaster, Michael Salvatori, Cindy Sinclair, and Anne Venton.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen A. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glen" being more prominent and the last name "Jones" written in a smaller, more connected script.

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