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Dear OISE Community,

As we wind down for the holiday break, I want to provide you with my last community update of the year and share several good news items and initiatives.

MT & MA-CSE Accreditation

I am very pleased to report that the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) Accreditation Committee has granted general accreditation without conditions to OISE's Master of Teaching (MT) and Master of Arts in Child Study and Education (MA-CSE) for a period of seven years until November 29, 2023. The process began with the development of the application for accreditation renewal, which was submitted to OCT in August 2016. A four-member accreditation panel visited OISE on October 19-20, 2016, and held interviews with the MT and MA-CSE leadership, faculty, practicum coordinators and advisors, teacher candidates, as well as with associate teachers and alumni. Congratulations and thank you to the department Chairs, program leadership, faculty and staff in the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, and the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development for their tremendous contributions to the process. I am also grateful to Professor Douglas McDougall, Associate Dean Programs, for his leadership, and to Biljana Cuckovic and the Dean's Office staff for their support and coordination of this important initiative. This was a great team effort and wonderful accomplishment for our Institute.

CCP PhD Accreditation

I am also happy to report that the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) Accreditation Panel for Doctoral Programmes and Internships in Professional Psychology has granted reaccreditation to OISE's Clinical and Counselling Psychology (CCP) PhD program for a period of six years until 2021-2022. The panel met on November 4-6, 2016 and noted many strengths of the program. Congratulations and thank you to Professor Jeanne Watson, Chair of CCP as well as Associate Professor Judith Silver, Director of Clinical Training for the CCP program for their leadership to the program throughout the accreditation process.

Building Leadership for Change

This January, OISE hosts a 6-month professional education program that will support the needs of approximately 195 in-service teachers from Saudi Arabia. The project, Building Leadership for Change, is designed to improve English language capabilities specific to the context of teaching/learning methodology and the Canadian education system. Exploring evidence-based models that improve student achievement will also be part of the program. Forty-two faculties of education responded to the request for proposals, with OISE emerging as the global partner of choice; institutions in Australia, Finland, and the UK will also be hosting cohorts of learners. My thanks to so many who have supported the project and contributed to so much detailed planning, including the use of space in various departments. In our conflict-filled world, welcoming elementary, middle and secondary teachers from across Saudi Arabia provides us with the kind of people-to-people opportunity that makes the world a bit smaller and better. We look very much

forward to launching the program early in the New Year as we work and learn with these colleagues over the months ahead.

OISE Best Future Planning Process

We continue to engage in a range of activities intended to encourage discussion and generate ideas as part of our academic planning process. As we move toward an initial submission deadline in mid-February, I hope that you will take time to look at the first edition of [lightBULB](#) - our occasional newsletter regarding the process. If you haven't had a chance as yet, I invite you to [check it out](#).

MT Visioning Advisory Committee

In October, Professor Clare Brett, CTL Chair and I sent a call for nominations to the MT Visioning Advisory Committee. This committee will provide input and feedback on the process and development of the MT program. After receiving a significant response from the community, we are pleased to share the membership list below. The CTL MT Leadership Team as well as Kathy Broad, Associate Professor Teaching Stream and I will serve ex-officio. We are grateful to these individuals for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

Clare Brett, Professor & Chair CTL (Committee Chair)

Jason Brennan, PhD Candidate CTL & MT Alumni

Joseph Flessa, Associate Professor LHAE

Kim Holman, Associate Registrar, Admissions, Enrolment Management & Awards ORSS

Derek Hunt, Instructional Technology EC

Hillary Inwood, Lecturer MT, BEd & CTEP

Aakriti Kapoor, MT Candidate

Clare Kosnik, Professor CTL and Director, Dr. Eric Jackman Institute of Child Studies

Coco Lee, MT Candidate

Cathy Marks-Krpan, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream CTL

Leslie Stewart Rose, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream CTL and Academic Director, CTEP

Sandra Styres, Assistant Professor, CTL

Terezia Zoric, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream SJE

Ex-Officio Members (MT Leadership Team)

Anne Marie Chudleigh, Partnership Coordinator

Jim Hewitt, Associate Professor CTL

Arlo Kempf, Associate Program Director

Angela MacDonald, Research Coordinator

Mary Reid, Elementary Coordinator

Refreshing and Modernizing OISE's Web Presence

I am pleased to report that the Deans and Chair's group has approved a multi-faceted approach to renew our web presence. Our current website is host to 51 sub-sites with over 5,000 pages of text with only a portion of these updated during the past year. There is much to do to streamline and modernize our approach. The project will be guided by Marianne Lau, our on-line and digital leader, and Steven Green, who plays a key leadership role in the University's central communications activities. Along with the ongoing collaboration of the Education Commons, advisory teams from across the Institute have been established to take the initiative forward. You

will hear more about the project in due course. Feel free to contact Marianne at marianne.lau@utoronto.ca for more information.

And finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best during the holiday season. I hope you have a relaxing time with friends and family. Happy holidays and see you in 2017!

Take care,

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