



OISE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OISE COUNCIL, held on February 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dean's Boardroom at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

Present:

Prof. Creso Sá, Chair
Prof. Sarfaroz Niyozov, Vice-Chair
Prof. Julia O'Sullivan, Dean

Ms. Vesna Bajic
Prof. Abigail Bakan
Prof. Clare Brett
Ms. Caitlin Campisi
Ms. Lara Cartmale
Prof. Charles Chen
Ms. Taleah Clarke
Ms. Sarah Clarke
Ms. Brenda Corrigan-Elliot

Prof. Scott Davies
Ms. Annette Ford
Prof. Kathleen Gallagher
Prof. Roy Gillis
Dr. Sheldon Grabke
Ms. Helen Huang
Ms. Sim Kapoor
Mr. Stephen Krencil
Mr. Pierre Lee
Dr. Ann Lopez
Prof. Doug McDougall
Mr. Michael Meth
Dr. Shelley Murphy
Prof. Angela Pyle
Prof. Sherene Razack

Ms. Elisabeth Rees-Johnstone
Ms. Wendy Shen
Ms. Jeanne Sinclair
Ms. Rebecca Singer
Prof. Lana Stermac
Ms. Karolina Szymanski
Prof. Jeanne Watson
Prof. Leesa Wheelahan
Prof. Earl Woodruff
Ms. Maggie Xu
Ms. Terezia Zoric

Ms. Biljana Cuckovic, Secretary
of OISE Council

In attendance:

Ms. Susan Anderson

Ms. Nickie Van Lier
Ms. Cindy Sinclair

Absent:

Ms. Stephanie Aggelonitis
Prof. Nina Bascia
Dr. Zahra Bhanji
Prof. Kathy Bickmore
Mr. Kurt Binnie
Ms. Rachel Birney
Dr. Jacqueline Button
Prof. Tony Chambers
Dr. Merlin Charles
Prof. Ruth Childs
Dr. Sameena Eidoo

Prof. Meric Gertler
Prof. Esther Geva
Mr. Kavijit Goia
Ms. Lu Huang
Ms. Carolyn Khalil
Ms. Jasmine Laserna
Ms. Shuyang Lin
Dr. David Montemurro
Prof. Roy Moodley
Dr. Jeff Myers
Mr. Ken Nakanishi

Ms. Jennifer O'Reilly
Prof. Joan Peskin
Prof. Cheryl Regehr
Prof. Locke Rowe
Prof. Suzanne Stewart
Prof. Sandra Styres
Ms. Anna Liza Villanueva
Ms. Zian Zhang
Ms. Humera Zia
Justice Marvin Zuker

1. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

2. Review and Approval of DRAFT Council minutes of December 3, 2014

Minutes of the OISE Council meeting, held on December 3, 2014 were approved.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair reminded those members in attendance of unfilled positions on the Executive Committee including: 1 Vice Chair of Council, 2 faculty members, and 2 instructors.

On a motion made Prof. Jeanne Watson, seconded by Prof. Lana Stermac IT WAS RESOLVED, THAT, Prof. Sarfaroz Niyozov be appointed as Vice-Chair of Council for 2014-2015.

All were in favour.

4. Dean's Report

Provincial Initiatives

The Dean updated members that the Premier had recently announced a series of initiatives against sexual violence and harassment. In support of these initiatives, the presidents of Ontario's universities are taking steps to review all existing policies and supports in place on various campuses to aid victims of sexual violence. The Council of Ontario Universities established a special panel consisting of academics and legal professionals who will work together to study sexual violence and harassment across all universities and share best practices for prevention, intervention and support for victims of sexual violence.

The Dean shared that preparations are underway by the Ontario College of Teachers to verify the Enhanced Teacher Education Programs beginning in September 2015. Amendments to the Accreditation Regulation require that faculties of education currently offering accredited programs submit a verification report to the College—demonstrating that the programs meet the new accreditation requirements—by March 1, 2016. In OISE's case, that will also be the same time to submit the application for accreditation renewal for the Master of Teaching and the Master of Arts in Child Study and Education.

Admissions and Recruitment

The Dean noted that OISE's enhanced recruitment activities continue to have a positive impact. Applications are up over 30% compared to last year. Much of this increase is due to the nearly 200% increase in MT applications. A healthy increase in international applications, especially for professional programs was also noted. In order to encourage applications to M.Ed. programs, there will be an OISE-wide information session on March 3rd, 2015.

Planning and Budget

The University has not yet released divisional budgets including the OISE budget for 2015-2016. It is expected that the divisional budgets will be approved in March 2015. The Dean highlighted that intensifying efforts to meet domestic enrolment target will help OISE to advance its academic mandate supported by a balanced budget.

Faculty Renewal

While the search in School and Psychology was unsuccessful—typically, the applicant pool for this position is very small—five active searches are underway with expected hires effective July 1, 2015. These include tenured or tenure-stream positions in: Science Education; Student Development & Services; Critical Race/Indigenous Studies in Education; Transnational Feminism & Qualitative Research in Education; and the Critical Curriculum Theories and French Minority-Language Communities. The search is underway for Chair of the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development. The

search will need to be launched soon for Chair of the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education. In addition, there will be a couple of upcoming vacancies in the associate dean portfolios.

Research

OISE had a very good showing at the Ontario Education Research Symposium held February 11-12, 2015. An OISE booth showcased the Institute's research related to student well-being and human development. On February 12-13, 2015 under the leadership of Prof. Sarfaroz Niyozov and his students, OISE co-hosted the Youth Radicalization: Policy & Education Response Conference. The conference was a success and opened dialogue on youth radicalization between stakeholders including youth and community organizations, parents, educators, faith communities, policymakers as well as the law enforcement agencies of Canada, the U.S. and several foreign countries.

Innovation & International

While enrolment in Additional Qualifications courses is down across the Province, at OISE, the current winter registrations are up 56% over last year's numbers. The Dean informed members that a Memorandum of Understanding between OISE and the University of Western Cape in South Africa was signed in December. The MOU will facilitate cooperation between the Centres for Diversity in Counselling housed at both universities.

Alumni Relations

Earlier in February 2015, the Dean traveled to British Columbia where OISE hosted alumni events in Nanaimo, Victoria, and Vancouver. The events were well attended and—working with our Associate Director, Alumni Relations, Sim Kapoor—our alumni are looking forward to building dynamic networks and chapters in these cities. In conjunction with the upcoming AERA and CSSE conferences, OISE will be hosting alumni receptions. Plans are underway for the upcoming Spring Reunion.

Honours and Awards

The Dean recognised OISE's outstanding faculty who received the following prestigious awards:

- George Dei, Social Justice Education, named Carnegie African Diaspora Fellow for scholarly excellence and impact, and the importance of international collaboration.
- Charles Pascal, Applied Psychology and Human Development, invested as a Member of the Order of Canada for outstanding contributions to education in Canada.

Effective July 1, 2014, four of OISE's faculty members have attained tenure and/or promotion to Associate Professor or promotion to Full Professor. They are:

- Peter Sawchuk – Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, promoted to full professor
- Carol Campbell – Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, promoted to associate professor
- Abby Goldstein – Applied Psychology and Human Development, promoted to associate professor
- Enrica Piccardo – Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, promoted to associate professor

They will all be honoured at a special community celebration later in the spring along with this year's recipients of OISE's Teaching Awards. The Dean shared that the awards generated a lot of interest this year, and that the Teaching Awards Selection Committee will meet on February 19, 2015 to select the winners.

5. Reports from Standing Committees

A. **Appeals** – No report.

B. **By-Laws, Nominations & Elections** – Prof. Doug McDougall reported on behalf of the Committee that met on January 21, 2015. During the fall term of 2014-2015, the Committee worked on changes to the By-Laws of Council. These changes are needed to bring the By-Laws in line with current

practices, and reflect the transition of OISE to an all graduate institution. While the Constitution of the Council of OISE was amended during 2012-2013, the By-Laws of Council of OISE were last updated in 2009-2010. An overview of the proposed changes, specifically regarding general procedures and the number and composition of standing committees, was provided. Members were advised that—since the changes are being presented in the form of a notice of motion and will allow for Council members’ to review and provide feedback—the changes will be presented to Council for approval at the April 22, 2015 meeting.

The question arose regarding the suggested name of the Curriculum Committee, and that an alternate name might be more aligned with its mandate. It was said that this suggestion will be noted, and that members are encouraged to send any additional suggestions to the Faculty Secretary. Another question arose regarding the appointment process for graduate students and how it differs from the current practice. It was explained that there are no changes to the process, which is merely being clarified in the proposed amendments to By-Laws of Council. As per the current process, should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies for positions on OISE Council and/or its Standing Committees, graduate students would elect their representatives if the nominees are willing to stand in the election.

- C. **Equity** – Prof. Roy Gillis reported on behalf of the Committee that met on February 5, 2015. Representatives of all groups (including students, faculty and staff) were in attendance. The Committee reviewed its statement of purpose and discussed the upcoming changes to the By-Laws of Council and how they might affect the Committee. The proposal to look at the graduate applications pool was also discussed in light of the changes made to the B.Ed. admissions process to allow for a greater participation of students from underrepresented populations. It was agreed that more could be done to increase diversity of students in graduate programs at OISE. The Committee discussed various accommodations practices and how they align with the University policies.
- D. **Graduate Education** – Prof. Clare Brett reported on behalf of the Committee that met on January 16, 2015.

Two minor modifications—changes to program requirements—were reported to Council for information:

- Social Justice Education (Ph.D.)
- Clinical and Counselling Psychotherapy (Ph.D.)

One new course and one change to an existing course were reported to Council for information:

- LHA3184H – Indigenous Research Methodologies (new course)
- APD5284Y – Assessment and Intervention (change to an existing course)

- E. **Initial Teacher Education** – On behalf of Dr. Jackie Button, Dr. Ann Lopez reported that the Committee met on February 4, 2015, and approved the schedule of classes and field experiences for the Concurrent Teacher Education Program for 2015-2016, and a change to the name and description of the course: Mentored Inquiry in Teaching. Dr. Lopez shared that it was wonderful to see teacher candidates in attendance showcasing their interest in being engaged in program governance.
- F. **Research** – Prof. Kathleen Gallagher reported on behalf of the Committee that met on January 20, 2015. She shared updates provided to the Committee by Prof. Lana Stermac, Associate Dean, Research, International and Innovation. These updates included the appointment of the new Vice-President Research and Innovation, outcomes of the internal competition at the University for Canada’s first Research Excellence Fund, and changes to the Tri-Council Funding. Additionally, two

partnership grant letters of intent are going forward, four insight development grants, along with one CHIR grant. An initiative related to the Pan Am games is moving forward lead by the University of Toronto Scarborough. It will include a symposium in May in which OISE will participate. The nature of OISE's contribution will be finalized over the coming months. The outcomes of the University-wide consultation regarding SSHRC funding were also shared, as well as the update regarding the subcommittee established to review OISE's policies pertaining to research centres, and how these policies align with the new University guidelines for EDUs. Lastly, the Research Office is working on the vendor of record application for the Ministry of Education for research services.

6. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
7. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 3:00 p.m., OISE, Room 12-199