



**OISE COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OISE COUNCIL, held on February 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dean's Boardroom at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

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**Present:**

Prof. Glen Jones, Dean  
Prof. Kathleen Gallagher, Chair  
Ms. Monique Flaccavento,  
Vice-Chair

Ms. Sezen Atacan  
Prof. Nina Bascia  
Prof. Kathy Bickmore  
Prof. Clare Brett  
Prof. Kathy Broad  
Prof. Cassie Brownell  
Dr. Andrew Campbell  
Prof. Charles Chen  
Mr. Alfredo Chow  
Prof. Yiola Cleovoulou  
Prof. Diane Farmer

Prof. Joseph Flessa  
Dr. Rose Fine-Meyer  
Dr. Sheldon Grabke  
Dr. Katharine Janzen  
Ms. Marianne Lau  
Mr. Terry Louisy  
Prof. Lance McCready  
Prof. Doug McDougall  
Mr. Matthew Moreno  
Prof. Sarfaro Niyozov  
Prof. Michele Peterson-Badali  
Prof. Enrica Piccardo  
Prof. Angela Pyle  
Ms. Jeananne Robertson  
Ms. Ruth Rogers  
Mr. Eric Schwenger  
Dr. Coleen Scully-Stewart

Mr. Said Sidani  
Prof. Judy Silver  
Dr. Cindy Sinclair  
Prof. Lana Stermac  
Prof. Njoki Wane  
Ms. Hanna Wickstrom  
Dr. Lesley Wilton  
Prof. Earl Woodruff  
Prof. Terezia Zoric  
  
Ms. Biljana Cuckovic, Secretary  
of OISE Council

**Secretariat:**

Ms. Daniella Spencley  
Ms. Lisa Smith  
Mr. Doug Ullrich

**Guests:**

Ms. Kerri Bailey  
Ms. Lara Cartmale

Prof. Antoinette Gagné  
Ms. Sim Kapoor

Ms. Denise Makovac

**Regrets:**

Mr. Dor Asia  
Prof. Joshua Barker  
Prof. Megan Boler  
Prof. Carol Campbell  
Mr. Isaac Eng  
Prof. Scott Davies  
Prof. Patricia Ganea  
Prof. Meric Gertler  
Prof. Roy Gillis

Prof. Abby Goldstein  
Ms. Helen Huang  
Ms. Gurkiran Kaur  
Dr. Michel Kouadio  
Mr. Stephen Krencil  
Ms. Fay Lim-Lambie  
Prof. Ann Lopez  
Dr. Carly Manion  
Prof. Rhonda Martinussen  
Mr. Hamidreza Moeiniasl

Ms. Elisabeth Rees-Johnstone  
Prof. Cheryl Regehr  
Ms. Riley Richman  
Prof. Creso Sá  
Ms. Janice Spencer  
Prof. Shelley Stagg Peterson  
Ms. Stacey Sterling  
Mr. Rouben Tchakhmakhtchian  
Prof. Leesa Wheelahan  
Prof. Marvin Zuker

*Acknowledgement of Traditional Land*

The Chair, Professor Kathleen Gallagher, welcomed members and guests to the third meeting of OISE Council in 2018-2019 and invited Dean Glen Jones to open the meeting with the land acknowledgement.

**1. Review and Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**2. Review and Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting of OISE Council were approved.

**3. Chairs Report**

Reflecting on recent events, the Chair began her report by sharing a brief poem titled “Cocoon” by Katherena Vermette, a Métis writer from Winnipeg, Manitoba. She then informed members that the Special Committee on Constitutional Revisions that was established by OISE Council in the Fall term of 2018 will hold its first meeting on March 26, 2019.

**4. Dean’s Report**

The Dean, Professor Glen Jones, began his report by reflecting on the recent loss of two colleagues, outstanding scholars and longstanding members of the OISE community, Professor Emeritus David Booth, Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, and Professor Jack Quarter, Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, followed by a moment of silence.

The faculty searches taking place during 2018-2019 were in the final stages with the new faculty appointments to be announced by mid-March 2019. The Dean acknowledged department Chairs, members of the search committees, and support staff for their contributions to the search process.

The Dean informed members that before the holiday break, thanks to the efforts of Professor Doug McDougall, Associate Dean, Programs and his team, an agreement was reached with the CUPE 3907 bargaining unit representing graduate assistants.

Turning to initiatives related to the provincial government, the Dean reflected on the government imposed ten percent tuition fee reduction, which will impact the University’s and OISE’s operating budget, as well as on the government’s reduction of financial support for students.

The Dean concluded his report by informing members that OISE’s advancement efforts during 2018-2019 have been successful as the fundraising goal for the Institute set by the Division of University Advancement was exceeded with over 1.2 million dollars raised. This remarkable accomplishment is due to the leadership of Sim Kapoor, Director of Advancement and External Relations, and the tireless efforts of her team. The Dean shared examples of some of the recently established scholarships and bursaries that will help to support OISE’s students.

**5. Reports from Standing Committees**

- A. Academic Programs** – Professor Joseph Flessa, Chair of the Academic Programs Committee reported on the proposals approved by the Committee at the meeting held on January 25, 2019.

- **For Approval:**

- Major Modification: The Establishment 28 Combined Degree Programs (CDPs) in Honours Bachelor of Science (HBSc)/Honours Bachelor of Arts (HBA) at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) and the Master of Teaching (MT) at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)

Professor Flessa invited Professor Doug McDougall to present the proposal. Professor McDougall noted that the proposed suite of CDPs builds on the existing 22 CDPs involving the undergraduate programs at UTSC and the MT program at OISE established in 2016-2017. The newly proposed suite of 28 CDPs will allow students from the identified programs to apply early to the MT (in Year 3 of undergraduate study). Following a conditional admission to the MT, the student can take 1.0 FCE of MT courses that would count both the student's undergraduate degree and the MT. The identified undergraduate programs provide interested students with an exceptional content knowledge in their subject areas, and a clear pathway towards the teaching profession.

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried, IT WAS RESOLVED,

THAT the establishment 28 Combined Degree Programs in HBSc/HBA at UTSC and the MT at OISE be APPROVED effective September 2019.

Following the approval of the major modification proposal, Professor Flessa presented three minor modifications to existing programs and four new course proposals approved by the Academic Programs Committee on January 25, 2019.

- **For Information:**

- Minor Modifications: Changes to Existing Programs

Counselling Psychology – EdD  
Educational Leadership and Policy – MEd  
Educational Leadership and Policy – PhD

- Minor Modifications: New Courses

LHA1066H Comparative & International Perspectives on Gender & Education Policy & Practice  
LHA3804H Doctoral Research Seminar  
SJE1977H Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Empire in Socialist Economies and States  
SJE1978H Sexual, Racial and Gender-based Violence Prevention in Higher Education

**B. Appeals** – No report.

**C. Equity** – On behalf of Professor Ann Lopez, Chair of the Equity Committee, who was absent from the meeting, Mr. Terry Louisy reported on the Committee's discussions at the meeting held on January 22, 2019.

At the January 22, 2019 meeting, the Committee discussed its role which, in addition to the mandate stipulated in the By-laws of OISE Council, includes educating the community, as well as sharing information and resources related to issues of equity, diversity and accessibility. In addition to promoting the culture of equity, the Committee is working to develop a bank of resources by faculty and for faculty related to equity, diversity and accessibility in pedagogy and curricula. Mr. Louisy noted that the next Windows on Equity workshop will take place on March 26, 2019, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Nexus Lounge, and will feature the screening of documentary film "Three Women, on Slavery and Freedom" by

Surinamese and Caribbean filmmaker, Ida Does, followed by a panel discussion. He further noted that the community announcement regarding this event will be distributed shortly and that all members of the community are welcome to attend.

- D. Research** – Professor Lance McCready, Chair of the Research Committee, reported on the Committee’s decisions and discussions at the meeting held on January 16, 2019.

Prior to commencing his report, Professor McCready invited members and guests to attend the next research café which will be held on February 21, 2019 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 5-210/220 at OISE. He noted that the event will be focused on the community engaged research.

- ***For Information:***
  - Reviews of OISE’s Research Centres

Professor McCready reported the outcomes of the recent review of OISE’s EDU: C research centers, which was conducted in accordance with the University of Toronto Guidelines on Extra-Departmental Units (EDUs) and the divisional review process.

The centres were invited to engage in a self-study process following which, the review subcommittee presented a report to the Research Standing Committee recommending that all EDU: Cs that submitted self-studies be renewed for a five-year term, effective May 1, 2019. These EDU: Cs include:

- Atkinson Centre for Society and Child Development
- Centre for Educational Research on Languages and Literacies (CERLL)
- Centre for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies (CIARS)
- Centre for Media and Culture in Education (CMCE)
- Centre for Science, Mathematics and Technology Education (SMT)
- Centre for Urban Schooling (CUS)
- Comparative, International, and Development Education Centre (CIDECE)
- Dr. R. G. N. Laidlaw Centre
- Institute for Knowledge Innovation and Technology (IKIT)
- Centre for Learning, Social Economy and Work (CLSEW)

Professor McCready reported that, due to recent status and leadership changes, the following EDU: Cs did not participate in the review process and will be reviewed in 2019-2020 and 2021-22:

- Centre de recherches en éducation franco-ontarienne (CREFO)
- Centre for Leadership and Diversity (CLD)
- Centre for the Study of Canadian & International Higher Education (CIHE)

- ***For Approval:***
  - Disestablishment of the Centre for Women Studies in Education

Professor McCready reported that, at its January 16, 2019 meeting, the Research Standing Committee voted to endorse the subcommittee’s recommendation to disestablish the Centre for Women’s Studies in Education (CWSE). This Centre did not participate in the review as it had no director to lead the self-study process. The Centre also wound down its activities and has no plan to continue as a Centre. Efforts over the previous year to find someone willing to take on the Centre Director position were unsuccessful. A consensus to plan for disestablishment emerged from a series of meetings over the course of 2017-2018 that included the Director of the Centre at the time, faculty stakeholders and Centre members, and the Associate Dean, Research, International & Innovation. Because there was no basis on which to

recommend renewal, the Research Standing Committee voted on January 16, 2019 to recommend this Centre's disestablishment.

There was a brief discussion regarding the rich history and legacy of this Centre, which since its establishment in mid-eighties, made significant contributions to OISE research. It was noted that over the past several years, the Centre has lost its core faculty and began to wind down its activities. As part of this process, the Centre members have taken the steps to archive the Centre materials and publications, some of which were given to the Library and the University of Toronto Archives (UTARMS). They also held a celebration of the Centre's history and legacy.

A member commented that a broader discussion regarding the Centre's future would have been helpful as many faculty members were not aware that the Centre was facing the disestablishment. It was also noted that feminist scholarship exists in the Institute and that many colleagues would have been interested in seeing this Centre revitalized. Professor McCready responded that the Research Committee members discussed and agreed that the emergence of a new centre with a similar or different focus would be welcome provided that there are faculty members at OISE who would have interest and energy to initiate it. It was further noted that research centers emerge as a collection of scholars who initiate and run them. As such, research centers are owned by these scholars who make decisions about their future.

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried, IT WAS RESOLVED,

THAT the disestablishment the Centre for Women Studies in Education be APPROVED effective May 1, 2019.

Of 37 members present and voting, 25 were in favor, 12 abstained, none opposed.

## **6. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked members for attendance and contributions. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.