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A Message to Our Community from Dean Glen Jones

Dear OISE Community,

With the summer now here, I do hope that everyone can and will find time to enjoy the warmer weather and possibly a somewhat different pace. *This is my final Dean's Community update for the academic year* - I will start updates again in September.

I recognize that the bonds of our collegial relationships may mean that the *communications grapevine* is sometimes quicker at sharing information than more formal channels. Nonetheless, my hope is that these updates, while not exhaustive, do provide meaningful and consistent information to the broadest range of folks within our OISE community. Here are just a few of the latest items for your reflection and consideration. As always, if you need to reach me, my email is dean.oise@utoronto.ca.

Academic Planning

We are very close to sending a draft Academic Plan to the entire OISE Community. This document will be a short and concise version combining perspectives from multiple phases of consultation with various departments, units, working groups, individual members of our community, as well as external partners and friends. Over the next few months you will have an opportunity to continue to review and reflect on the draft Academic Plan that in the fall will be presented at OISE Faculty Council. In the meantime, we can be truly proud of our work together in developing a renewed purpose and vision for OISE that will carry us enthusiastically into the future.

MT Visioning

Earlier this week, we forwarded a community message providing more detailed information on the work of the MT Visioning Committee over this past year. The committee will continue its work well into next year with a curriculum mapping exercise as well as some further outreach activities. In the interim, if anyone wants to find out more about the committee efforts, please visit the [MT Visioning](#) site or email mt.visioning@utoronto.ca.

Look and Feel of Our Future Website

Thanks to the efforts of so many, the first phase of our website enhancement has resulted in a substantial clean-up of content. The OISE Web Project Team is now embarking on a creative discovery of what our future website may look like, and *they need your help*. Please provide anything you've seen here at OISE that you feel visually represents us, your department, unit, or research centre, including colours, brochures, pages from a viewbook, buttons, elevator posters, photos, webpages,

anything at all! From this collection of “stuff”, the team wants to find out what we have in common and what makes each department/unit unique. This info will help inform the look and feel of our future website. Please send along your ideas to Marianne Lau by dropping off your stuff to Marianne’s mailbox on the 8th floor, or arrange a time with the team for pick up. The email is oise.webteam@utoronto.ca.

Continuing and Professional Learning

We are delighted with the success of a number of programs offered through Continuing and Professional Learning including the First Nations Schools Principals' course, the Building Leadership for Change program, and various short duration programs for international delegations from Wales, Singapore, China and Korea. The summer months will continue to be busy as CPL welcomes over 1500 learners to join various online, blended and on-campus courses and also launches the Future Educators and Future Counsellors program for 100 undergraduate students from China. As we look ahead to our next academic year, we anticipate continuing to deliver these programs and serve the professional learning needs of in-service teachers and educators from around the globe which will contribute substantially to our international priorities.

Special Acknowledgements

Professor Jean-Paul Restoule: Many of you already know that Jean-Paul has taken an appointment effective September 1, 2017 at the University of Victoria as the Chair of the new Department of Indigenous Education in the Faculty of Education. This is an exciting opportunity for Jean-Paul to play a vital leadership role in this important field. As we say our thanks and wish him well, we are reminded by JP in his recent [Convocation](#) address to our OISE Teacher Education graduates to continue to take up the calls to action outlined in the TRC. While we will miss his daily presence and inspired approach to teaching and learning, we will no doubt also find ways to connect with him as well as our extended family of OISE alumni whom we are grateful to call our own.

Helen Huang, Chief Administrative Officer: This past year the leadership team worked together on many aspects of the OISE budget and developed a new budget model that would ensure departments had increasing flexibility to support their academic priorities. I want to especially thank Helen Huang for her tireless efforts and insights throughout the process. She has kept a steady and supportive hand on our resources while at the same time working with a reduced staff complement in the CAO team. It is through her commitment to OISE and the collective efforts of many staff at the Institute that we are in a much better budgetary situation this past year than would have otherwise been possible. *Thanks Helen, Team CAO and all administrative staff!*

Doug McDougall, Associate Dean Programs: Again many of you are probably aware that Professor Doug McDougall is taking a well deserved and long overdue 6-month administrative leave starting July 1, 2017. I want to take this moment to thank Doug for his leadership over these past two-years guiding the OISE academic programs portfolio that includes student experience, academic governance, admissions, recruitment and so much more. Should you find Doug wandering the hallways after

July 1st, ask him about anything else but the programs portfolio. Professor Normand Labrie will be Acting Associate Dean beginning July 1st.

Finally, let me extend a heartfelt thanks to all OISE faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends for contributing to a positive teaching and learning environment. Have a wonderful summer; rest, relax and if I do not see you before September – take care and be well!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "J".

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