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Dear Members of the OISE Community,

Over the last five years I have been sending regular updates to the community as the Dean of OISE. Those updates have been greatly informed by the many incredible achievements of our superb faculty, staff, students and administrative leaders. This update shares a more personal note.

My term as Dean of OISE concludes on June 30th, 2021 and I have informed the Provost that I will not be seeking a second term. This decision not to seek renewal took a considerable amount of reflection and was extremely difficult. I arrived at this conclusion before the emergence of COVID-19 but realized as things evolved over the past several weeks, that our full focus was needed on how best to support each other, our students and our broader communities in dealing with the initial stages of the current challenge.

My relationship with OISE began when I enrolled as a masters student over three decades ago. The Institute has always been my professional “home”. When I conclude my term, I will have spent almost 18 years in various senior administrative roles at OISE. But there is no doubt that having the privilege to serve as Dean has been the most personally rewarding and fulfilling opportunity of my career. This is naturally due, in large part, because of the honour of collaborating with an amazing leadership team, and the opportunity to work with and support our outstanding faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends. For me, the conclusion of my term as Dean presents an opportunity to enter a new phase, devoting more time to family, returning to my love of teaching, working with amazing graduate students, postdocs, and research collaborators, and of course, developing new research projects in the field of Higher Education.

We still have much to do to ensure we move through this current period of challenging disruption. The support we have demonstrated for each other, and those we serve, bodes well as we transition to our “new normal” over the coming year. Working in consort with our excellent leadership colleagues, I will continue to do my very best to ensure progress on many of our key priorities. I am confident that a year from now, OISE will be on firm ground, ready for the next, exciting phase of growth as a community as we continue to improve on our already remarkable record of education and scholarship locally, nationally and globally.

In the very near future, you will hear from the Provost concerning the process that will inform the appointment of my successor.

Thank you and take care,

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Professor and Dean