



May 19, 2020

Dear Members of the OISE Community,

As we head into the spring and summer period, I will continue to provide community updates, however likely less frequently than has been the case the last few months. I encourage you to continue monitoring the [OISE COVID-19](#) and [University of Toronto COVID-19](#) messages sites. In the meantime, please review below some important committee activities that OISE community members will be participating in over the next few months and into the fall.

**Call for Nominations – OISE Climate Action Advisory Committee**

OISE held a large [Climate Action Summit](#) in January of 2020, and one of the core recommendations emerging from this community conversation involved the creation of a Climate Action Advisory Committee that would provide advice to the Dean on the development of a strategic Climate Action Plan for OISE. This committee will include members from across the Institute, including students, faculty, and staff. We anticipate that the committee will meet about four times between June and December with the goal of developing a plan before the end of 2020 to guide OISE’s progress towards sustainability and climate action, and further our leadership in Environmental and Sustainability Education.

Individuals who are interested in being a member of the committee should send a brief note to [dean.oise@utoronto.ca](mailto:dean.oise@utoronto.ca) by May 26th, including information on why they would like to be a member, and any expertise or background knowledge that they could contribute to the work of the committee.

**Special Committee on Teaching Awards**

At its April 15, 2020 meeting, [OISE Council](#) approved the establishment of the Special Committee on Teaching Awards including the Terms of Reference for the Committee. At its May 12, 2020 meeting, following the Call for expressions of interest sent to faculty and students, the Executive Committee approved the membership of the Special Committee as follows:

- Glen A. Jones, Professor and Dean—Chair of the Special Committee
- Charles Chen, Professor, Applied Psychology & Human Development
- Kathy Broad, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
- Leesa Wheelahan, Professor, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education
- Njoki Wane, Professor, Social Justice Education
- Hyunah Kim, PhD student, Applied Psychology & Human Development
- Phoebe Kang, EdD student, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education

*Ex-officio* members include Normand Labrie, Professor and Associate Dean, Programs, Jesse Sims, Director, Office of the Dean, and Biljana Cuckovic, Secretary of the Faculty Council (non-voting). The Special Committee will begin meeting soon to conduct a review OISE's Teaching Awards (nomination and eligibility criteria) and will consider the possibility of establishing a new award category that will recognize the contributions of faculty members engaged in diverse forms of teaching activity that may not be captured by the existing awards. The Committee will report on its deliberations and recommendations to OISE Council in the Fall of 2020.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen A. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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