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Dear OISE Community:

It has been a very busy time at OISE and many of you may already be anticipating the holiday season. I am writing to provide the community with information on a few significant initiatives and developments since my last update.

### **OISE Truth and Reconciliation Task Force**

I am pleased to have received the final report from the OISE Truth and Reconciliation Task Force led by Suzanne Stewart, the Special Advisor to the Dean on Aboriginal Education. The Task Force membership included indigenous faculty, department chairs, community elders, graduate students and staff. The [Report of the Task Force](#) is now available on the OISE website. I encourage all members of our community to review the report, especially within the context of the Academic Planning conversations that are currently taking place.

### **Academic Planning**

After completing the introductory and roll-out phase of the planning process, our departments, units and various groups have turned their attention to more intensive consultations. Please be sure to touch base with your department/unit to ensure that you are informed of the meetings that are taking place. In addition to these meetings, there are plans for several Institute-wide staff and student constituent consultations and invitations will be emailed as well as highlighted on the [OISE Academic Planning](#) site.

### **Internal Advisory Group**

After receiving a wonderful range of nominations to the OISE Academic Planning - Internal Advisory Group, I am pleased to share the final membership of this committee. The members represent faculty, staff, students and alumni from across the Institute and I am thankful that they have all agreed to serve our community and provide me with advice on key issues.

Christopher Cully, SJE MA Student & President GSA  
Todd Cunningham, APHD Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream  
Anjali Helferty LHAE PhD Candidate  
Stacey Jacobs, CTEP Instructor & JICS Alumna MA Child Study  
Aakriti Kapoor, CTL MT Student  
Arlo Kempf, CTL Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream  
Terry Louisy, CTL Coordinator, Graduate Programs  
Elizabeth Rees-Johnstone, CPL Executive Director  
Nicole Ryan, ORSS Recruitment & Diverse Student Success Coordinator  
Creso Sá, LHAE Professor  
Katreena Scott, APHD Associate Professor  
Sandra Styres, CTL Assistant Professor  
Njoki Wane, SJE Professor

## **Faculty Success Program**

The Faculty Success Program is an intensive 12-week mentoring program for full-time, continuing faculty in the tenure and teaching streams offered by the (U.S.) National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD). The program is designed to support faculty to improve their research productivity and to promote work-life balance and personal growth. The program runs in three sessions each year as follows: January – May; May – August; August – November. For more information on the program, please see <http://www.facultydiversity.org/?FSProgramDescription> or contact Professor Indigo Esmonde at [indigo.esmonde@utoronto.ca](mailto:indigo.esmonde@utoronto.ca).

The cost of the program is \$3,250USD, a discounted price offered to the University of Toronto as an institutional member. The Office of the Provost and the Office of the Dean will each reimburse 50% of this cost for eligible faculty members participating in the program. Funding is guaranteed for pre-tenure and pre-continuing status faculty members. Tenured and continuing status faculty members are also welcome to participate, with a maximum of 10 participants funded per year.

If you would like to participate in the program, please write to me ([glen.jones@utoronto.ca](mailto:glen.jones@utoronto.ca)) and copy to Jesse Sims ([jesse.sims@utoronto.ca](mailto:jesse.sims@utoronto.ca)).

## **China Visit**

Helen Huang, OISE's Chief Administrative Officer, and I recently completed a trip to China where we advanced several important priorities on behalf of the Institute. We met with senior officials from a total of 8 universities and two government departments. Some universities are very interested in developing stronger relationships with OISE including initiatives that might encourage some top students to apply to OISE graduate programs, facilitate student and faculty exchanges, and provide opportunities for continuing professional education programs. We hosted two parties for OISE alumni (Hong Kong and Beijing) and participated in a large alumni event hosted by the President of the University of Toronto in Beijing. We met with representatives of Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing Normal University, Peking University, Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen University, Tsinghua University, Zhejiang University and Zhejiang Normal University. We hope to continue to advance OISE's international activities by building stronger connections with not only Chinese educational institutions, but with institutions in other countries and regions.

## **Holiday Food and Toy Drive**

With just under 6 weeks left before we break for the holidays I want to remind everyone that while the holidays are a time best shared with friends and loved ones it is also a time to give back to the community, this great city of ours. In this spirit of the season, the Dean's Office will be collecting non-perishable food items and new toys. Items can be dropped off at the Dean's Office on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor until December 15<sup>th</sup>.

I wish everyone the very best as we head towards the end of the academic term.

Take care,  
Glen

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