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Dear OISE Community:

I know how exceptionally busy the start of this term has been for all of us as we settle into our routines – every ounce of patience, understanding and support is well appreciated. I want to share another quick update on some key activities and also ask for your insights and contributions.

Administrative Response to OISE Review

As you will recall, we are required to provide an administrative response to the external review of OISE that took place at the beginning of the year. In drafting the response, we have been quite mindful of the information and comments that we have received from various sources including the well-attended public consultation that took place in June. Most of these comments point to the importance of a participatory academic planning process which, is now being planned. We have just posted a draft of the administrative response to the [OISE Review](#) webpage and we welcome any comments or suggestions. Please send your feedback to oise.dean@utoronto.ca. We need to submit the final version to the Provost by October 3rd.

OISE Academic Planning

Over the next few weeks I will be engaging in conversations with every department and unit at OISE where I will introduce the Academic Planning Process and obtain your valuable feedback. For anyone who is unable to attend one of these meetings, I will also introduce the process at the first Faculty Council of the academic year on **Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 3-5 p.m. in room 12-199**. Everyone is welcome!

The planning process that we envision is multi-level and highly participatory. Part of the consultation process we have imagined includes seeking the sage advice and counsel of an OISE Internal Advisory Group of approximately 10-15 individuals from within our community. This group would consist of members from diverse constituencies including faculty, staff, and students, while balancing representation across departments, units and community wide. If you are willing to serve on the *OISE Academic Planning - Internal Advisory Group* please send us an email at oise.planning@utoronto.ca. If you would like to suggest someone other than yourself, please first check that the person is willing to serve. For more information about this group, please feel free to contact Denise Makovac at 416-978-7447 or by email at d.makovac@utoronto.ca. The Deans and Chairs will work carefully together to decide on the membership in this group.

OCT Accreditation

Following the successful verification of the Master of Teaching (MT) and the Master of Arts in Child Study and Education (MA-CSE) as enhanced teacher education programs by the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) this past April, the two programs are now undergoing the process of accreditation renewal. Under the leadership of Professor Doug McDougall, Associate Dean, Programs, a committee of faculty and staff representatives from the MT and MA-CSE programs and the Dean's Office worked together over the summer to develop the application for accreditation renewal and gather supporting evidence, which was submitted to OCT in August. The OCT has appointed a four-member accreditation panel which will *visit OISE on October 19 and 20, 2016*. If you have questions or require further details about the visit, please consult Professor McDougall at doug.mcdougall@utoronto.ca.

MT Visioning

I have been working closely with Professor Clare Brett, our new Chair of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, in developing the process that we will use to conduct a re-visioning of the MT. I am extremely pleased that Professor Kathy Broad and Denise Makovac have agreed to play key roles in supporting the process, and that OISE Professor Carol Rolheiser, the Director of the University of Toronto Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation, has agreed to act as an advisor to our leadership team. We will be providing more detailed information on the MT Visioning process in the coming weeks.

Faculty Council

Many thanks to those who have submitted their nominations to serve on OISE Council and/or its Standing Committees! We have filled all vacancies for administrative staff and are preparing to hold an election for the several remaining graduate student positions. We are still accepting nominations for faculty and instructor positions. Interested faculty members and instructors can e-mail oise.council@utoronto.ca to consider serving in this capacity. We want to remind everyone that this is an excellent opportunity to participate in and contribute to the governance process at OISE.

Take care,



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Professor and Dean