



OISE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OISE COUNCIL, held on April 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dean's Boardroom at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

Present:

Prof. Creso Sá, Chair
Prof. Sarfaroz Niyozov, Vice-Chair
Prof. Julia O'Sullivan, Dean

Ms. Vesna Bajic
Prof. Abigail Bakan
Dr. Zahra Bhanji
Prof. Clare Brett
Dr. Jacqueline Button
Ms. Lara Cartmale
Prof. Ruth Childs
Ms. Taleah Clarke

Ms. Brenda Corrigan-Elliott
Prof. Scott Davies
Ms. Annette Ford
Prof. Kathleen Gallagher
Prof. Esther Geva
Dr. Sheldon Grabke
Ms. Helen Huang
Ms. Sim Kapoor
Mr. Stephen Krencil
Dr. Ann Lopez
Prof. Doug McDougall
Dr. David Montemurro
Dr. Shelley Murphy
Prof. Joan Peskin

Prof. Angela Pyle
Prof. Sherene Razack
Ms. Elisabeth Rees-Johnstone
Prof. Lana Stermac
Prof. Sandra Styres
Prof. Jeanne Watson
Prof. Leesa Wheelahan
Prof. Earl Woodruff
Ms. Maggie Xu

Ms. Biljana Cuckovic, Secretary of OISE Council

In attendance:

Ms. Susan Anderson
Shawna Carol
Monique Fflaccavento

Stephanie Michelle
Joanne Nonnekes
Cheryl Rhind
Steve Robinson

Ms. Cindy Sinclair
Ms. Nickie Van Lier
Lise Watson

Absent:

Ms. Stephanie Aggelonitis
Prof. Nina Bascia
Prof. Kathy Bickmore
Mr. Kurt Binnie
Ms. Rachel Birney
Ms. Caitlin Campisi
Prof. Tony Chambers
Dr. Merlin Charles
Prof. Charles Chen
Ms. Sarah Clarke
Dr. Sameena Eidoo

Prof. Meric Gertler
Prof. Roy Gillis
Mr. Kavijit Goia
Ms. Lu Huang
Ms. Carolyn Khalil
Ms. Jasmine Laserna
Mr. Pierre Lee
Ms. Shuyang Lin
Mr. Michael Meth
Prof. Roy Moodley
Dr. Jeff Myers
Mr. Ken Nakanishi

Ms. Jennifer O'Reilly
Prof. Cheryl Regehr
Prof. Locke Rowe
Ms. Wendy Shen
Ms. Jeanne Sinclair
Ms. Rebecca Singer
Prof. Suzanne Stewart
Ms. Karolina Szymanski
Ms. Anna Liza Villanueva
Ms. Zian Zhang
Ms. Humera Zia
Ms. Terezia Zoric
Justice Marvin Zuker

1. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

2. Review and Approval of DRAFT Council minutes of February 18, 2015

Minutes of the OISE Council meeting held on February 18, 2015 were approved.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed members and guests in attendance to the final meeting of the year. He mentioned all faculty, staff and students who served as governors this year, and thanked them for their many contributions to the governance process at OISE.

Dean's Report

Provincial Initiatives

There is ongoing labour unrest in several school districts in Ontario. The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) notified OISE that in the event of a strike involving members of the federation, schools in which those members serve shall not be used for practicum or for any other placement of student teachers. This may affect some of our teacher candidates who are completing their practice teaching and/or internships in May. We continue to monitor the situation which to date has had little effect on our teacher candidates. The Dean thanked Ann Lopez and her team for ensuring OISE's teacher candidates are able to complete their program requirements.

Admissions and Recruitment

Our applications are up compared to last year. Much of this increase is due to the surge in MT applications. In order to increase applications to our M.Ed. programs, an OISE-wide information night was held on March 3rd. The event was well attended. We are now focusing on obtaining confirmations from our admitted students, as well as on generating additional offers of admission to our professional programs. As efforts to meet our enrolment targets continue, the Dean thanked all those involved in admissions and conversion activities at OISE. She especially thanked Jeanne Watson, Associate Dean, Programs, her team, and departmental colleagues who contribute so much to the recruitment and retention of outstanding students for OISE's programs.

Planning and Budget

OISE achieved our goal of a balanced budget for the 2014-2015 year, and the budget for 2015-2016 has been approved by the Provost. Based on departmental planning and workload documents for 2015-2016, departmental non-continuing instruction budgets were developed and approved. The authority over those budgets now rests with the departments. As our budget is based on enrolment, intensifying efforts to meet domestic enrolment targets is critical for OISE to advance its academic mandate supported by a balanced budget.

Faculty Renewal

The approved budget for 2015-2016 includes funding for four faculty searches in support of faculty renewal efforts. The department Chairs revise their faculty renewal plans on an annual basis, and will submit their request for positions by the end of May. The Dean provided an update regarding the Academic Administrator searches that are underway including searches for associate deans and department Charis (LHAE and APHD) positions lead by the incoming Interim Dean, Professor Glen Jones.

Organizational Change

The Dean provided a brief update on processes regarding organizational change at OISE. A number of administrative staff received notices of organizational change on March 11th. As of today, a number of offers have been made to affected staff members for the positions that had to be filled due to voluntary

retirements and exits, as well for newly created positions as a result of restructuring. Some affected staff members have accepted positions elsewhere at the University. Internal recruitment efforts are going to continue for several weeks. In the meantime, OISE has to ensure compliance with the timelines of the USW collective agreement; therefore, affected staff members who have not been offered new positions by April 22, 2015 have received a notice of layoff, which may be rescinded if these staff members accept a job offer from OISE or anywhere else in the University within the next twelve weeks. Updates to the community will be provided as the process moves along. Specific questions may be directed to OISE HR, or to Professor Angela Hildyard, Vice-President Human Resources and Equity.

Research

OISE faculty performed extraordinarily well in the SSHRC Insight Research Grant awards. We achieved a 36% success rate, up from 22% last year. As well, we achieved a 100% success rate with the Partnership Development grant awards. This continues the pattern of improved outcomes over the past few years and attests to the outstanding faculty we have here at OISE. The Dean thanked members of the departments and the Office of Associate Dean, Research, International and Innovation for their support of faculty research. The Dean extended her gratitude to Prof. Karen Mundy, who during her term as Associate Dean of Research, International and Innovation, established increased supports for and promotion of faculty and their research.

Innovation & International

Several international delegations are scheduled to visit with OISE faculty in the next few months including the University of Edinburgh and Embu University College in Kenya. These delegations will also be meeting with officials from international relations and the Office of Vice-President, University Relations.

Alumni Relations

The OISE Alumni Reception held on April 18, 2015 in conjunction with the AERA conference was well attended. On May 7, 2015 the OISE Young Alumni Council honoured Michael Salvatori, CEO and Registrar of the Ontario College of Teachers with the InspirED Award for his contributions to education. The Alumni Spring Reunion on May 29, 2015 promises to be a great event featuring an art exhibition by over 60 alumni artists.

Honours and Awards

The Dean recognized our outstanding faculty who received the following prestigious awards:

- Marvin Zuker, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, recipient of the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching
- Peter Sawchuk, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, recipient of the David E. Hunt Award for Excellence in Graduate Education
- Arlo Kempf, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, recipient of the Award for Excellence in Initial Teacher Education
- Ms. Andrea Carnegie, recipient of the Award for Excellence in Continuing and Professional Learning
- Kathleen Gallagher, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020
- Creso Sá, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, recipient of the Research and Scholarship Award of the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education for contributions to research and scholarship on Canadian postsecondary education.
- Ron Lancaster, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, recipient of the prestigious Award in Mathematics Education awarded by the Fields Institute
- Hillary Inwood, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, recipient of the University of Toronto Green Ribbon Award for outstanding work on environmental and sustainability education.

- George Dei, Social Justice Education, the African Heritage Educators' Network established the George J. Sefa Dei Academic Award awarded to students of African heritage within the Toronto District School Board.

The Dean also recognized five of OISE's outstanding students who were honoured at the Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards Ceremony on April 16, 2015:

- Amilcar Barnett Martinez, Initial Teacher Education
- Kavjit Gogia, Initial Teacher Education
- Tiffany Ng, PhD candidate, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
- Xia Xiaoyong, M.Ed. candidate, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
- Jennifer Tinh Nguyen, Initial Teacher Education

In closing, the Dean thanked members of the Council and Standing Committees for their contributions and service this year. She extended her gratitude to Chair of Council and Secretary of Council for their work on supporting the governance process.

4. Reports from Standing Committees

A. **Appeals** – No report.

B. **By-Laws, Nominations & Elections** – Prof. Doug McDougall reported on behalf of the Committee, and presented a motion to Approve Amendments to By-Laws of OISE Council.

On October 15, 2014, the By-laws Committee met and identified the need to amend the current By-laws of Council. The proposed changes to the By-laws of Council were submitted in writing, and presented at the February 18, 2015 meeting of OISE Council. At that meeting, Council members were asked to review the draft of the By-laws and provide feedback to the By-laws Committee. Two suggestions were received: (1) to change the name of the Curriculum Committee to "Academic Programs Committee" which better reflects its mandate. This change was included in the final draft of the By-laws for approval; and (2) to outline more clearly the proposed changes with respect to the composition of standing committees of Council. An Overview of Current and Proposed Composition of Standing Committees was provided in the Appendix.

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, IT WAS RESOLVED,

THAT the amendments to By-laws of OISE Council be approved effective immediately.

All were in favour. The Faculty Council approval of this motion is final.

C. **Equity** – No Report.

D. **Graduate Education** – Prof. Clare Brett reported on behalf of the Committee that met on March 27, 2015.

For Approval:

Major Modification Proposal: Master of Teaching: Change to the Requirements and Learning Outcomes.

New requirements for teacher accreditation in Ontario have necessitated new core content areas in teacher education programs including an increased emphasis on support for English language learners, and on inclusion of Aboriginal perspectives, cultures, histories, and ways of knowing in teacher education. This requires a change to the learning outcomes of the program which is addressed

through an increase of the program requirements from 18 half-courses to 20 half-courses (beginning September 2015).

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, IT WAS RESOLVED,

THAT the Major Modification Proposal: Change to the Requirements and Learning Outcomes in the Master of Teaching Program be approved effective September, 2015.

All were in favour. The Faculty Council approval of this motion is final.

For information:

Three minor modifications—changes to admissions or program requirements—were reported to Council for information:

- Combined Degree Program (Mus.Bac./MT)
- Counselling and Psychotherapy (Ed.D.)
- Clinical and Counselling Psychology (MA)

Twenty new courses were reported to Council for information:

- APD1226H – Foundations in Inquiry and Data-Based Decision Making
- LHA1065H – Educational Equity and Excellence in International Comparison
- CTL1120H – Effective Teaching Strategies in Elementary Mathematics Education: Research and Practice
- CTL1223H – Activist Science & Technology Education
- CTL3038H – Aboriginal Civilisations
- CTL3039H – Literacies of Land
- CTL3810H – Second Language Classroom Research Methods
- CTL7017H – Curriculum and Teaching in Drama, Music and Dance
- CTL7018H – Curriculum and Teaching in Science and Environmental Education
- CTL7050H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – English (First Language)
- CTL7051H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – French (Second Language)
- CTL7052H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – Geography
- CTL7053H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – Health and Physical Education
- CTL7055H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – Mathematics
- CTL7056H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – Music – Instrumental
- CTL7057H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – Music – Vocal
- CTL7058H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – Science – General
- CTL7059H – Intermediate Teaching Subject – Visual Arts
- CTL7071H – Curriculum and Teaching in Visual Arts and Physical Education
- CTL7072H – Curriculum and Teaching in Social Studies and Aboriginal Education

- E. **Initial Teacher Education** – Dr. Jackie Button reported on behalf of the Committee that met on April 8, 2015. At that meeting, the committee reviewed the schedule of classes and field experiences for the Concurrent Teacher Education Program and approved some minor changes regarding the second practicum to align with the MT program.
- F. **Research** – Prof. Kathleen Gallagher reported on behalf of the Committee.

For Information:

The proposal for the establishment of an EDU D: Centre for the Study of Canadian and International Higher Education was included in the materials for the meeting. The centre will showcase the great work of higher education scholars at OISE, and will link researchers in the field here in Canada and around the world. As an EDU D: the centre will not have budgetary authority or the ability to make appointments.

5. Other Business

- SSHRC Open Access Policy on Publications – Prof. Lana Stermac shared an update regarding the new SSHRC Policy on Open Access Publication according to which, beginning in May, 2015, there will be a requirement for any peer reviewed journal publications that arise from the agency supported research to be freely accessible within 12 months of publication. The OISE Library will provide support to faculty with respect to this policy.
- Online Learning Initiative – Monique Flaccavento, informed members that the OISE Library was awarded a grant from the Council of Ontario Universities as part of the Ontario Online Learning Initiative. With a launch date of September 1, 2015, the Library partnered with colleagues at Queens University and at Western University to develop a series of online learning modules for graduate students under the title: “Academic Literacies and Research Skills”. The Library will provide regular updates regarding this initiative.

6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 3:00 p.m., OISE, Room 12-199