

**Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
University of Toronto**

**Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Definition of Sustainability

“Sustainability is the assurance that today’s society, in meeting the needs of the present, does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs “ - 1987 United Nation’s Brundtland Report (Our Common Future)

Vision

OISE, as a world-leading faculty of education, demonstrates a firm commitment to sustainability in its academic and research affairs, and in its administrative operations.

Objective

The objective of OISE’s Sustainability Advisory Committee is to provide a forum for the advancement of sustainability goals within the OISE community, in collaboration with similar initiatives and responsibilities within the University of Toronto.

Goals

In the pursuit of its primary objectives, the Committee will:

1. Provide input, advice and support to OISE senior administration in developing and implementing sustainable operational practices and procedures;
2. Provide input, advice and support to OISE senior administration and faculty in incorporating sustainability elements in their teaching and research;
3. Provide opportunities for dissemination, sharing and advancement of knowledge on sustainability issues and solutions within the OISE community.
4. Plan events and communications to the OISE community to share and celebrate achievements by the OISE community toward its sustainability goals.

SAC Interfaces

- Provides advice and counsel to OISE’s senior administration through the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).
- The CAO will serve as the primary interface to other areas of the University of Toronto including Facilities and Services and the Office of Sustainability.
- Academic and research matters raised by the CAO will be referred via the CAO to the appropriate area of responsibility within OISE or other areas of the University.

Composition and Membership

Chair: Chief Administrative Officer, OISE

Secretary: OISE Communications Manager or delegate

Manager – Building Operations and Services

(6) Academic Departmental Representatives: (faculty or staff)

(4) Student representatives: 2 graduate and 2 undergraduate

(2-3) representatives of OISE administrative units

Meeting Frequency

Meetings of the Committee will be held every two months.