

OISE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OISE COUNCIL, held on February 12, 2020
Boardroom at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

Present:

Prof. Glen Jones, Dean

Prof. Ann Lopez

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land

In the opening statement, the Vice-Chair of Council, Professor Ann Lopez, acknowledged the traditional land on which the University of Toronto operates.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

3. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting of OISE Council were approved.

4. The Executive Committee Report

The Vice-Chair welcomed members and guests to the third meeting of OISE Council in the 2019-2020

A student member of OISE Council commended

In conclusion, Professor Lopez noted that the Committee is interested in hearing the OISE community voices about their experiences, concerns, or questions around the equity issues and invited members to complete a brief survey. The link to the survey will be broadly distributed via OISE listservs.

- C. Research** Professor Lance McCreedy, Chair of the Research Standing Committee presented the meeting held on January 22, 2020, which included the outcomes of the s Extra-Departmental Units EDU-Cs: The Centre for Leadership and Diversity (CLD) and Centre de recherches en éducation franco-ontarienne (CREFO).

In the fall of 2019, the Directors of CLD and CREFO submitted self-studies in accordance with the divisional review process. On January 13, 2020, a subcommittee of the Research Standing Committee met to review the self-studies and arrived at recommendations regarding the renewal of the EDU-Cs, which were presented and approved at the January 22, 2020 meeting of the Research Standing Committee. After careful consideration, the subcommittee recommended renewing both EDU-Cs for a period of 4 years effective May 1, 2020. The proposed term of renewal the majority of OISE EDU-Cs.

7. Education Commons Strategic Plan 2020-2022

Ms. Julia Duncan, Director of Information Technology, presented the Education Commons Strategic Plan 2020-2022. The plan is linked to -2022 and is underpinned by the following core values: Inspire, Transform, Collaborate, Learn and Sustain. These values will be further discussed amongst members of the Education Commons team in a session facilitated by Professor Charles Pascal. The strategic priorities for the planning period include: transforming Education Commons into a community partner; becoming an ambassador of emerging technology to enable innovative pedagogy; ensuring digital leadership that strengthens teaching, research, scholarship, partnerships and advocacy; and enabling transformative impact of technology to influence and empower productivity and optimization to enhance wellbeing and environmental sustainability. Each of the strategic priorities includes a number of concrete actions that will help realize the priorities.

Ms. Duncan noted that the plan is posted online in a blogpost format at: <https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/ecstrategicplan> in order to facilitate an ongoing consultative process and engage members of the OISE community in discussions regarding implementing the plan. She invited members to visit the website, and submit thoughts, ideas and feedback that will help further refine the plan and its strategic priorities and actions.

Following the presentation, there was a brief discussion regarding the implementation of the plan. Staff representative, Mr. Justin Holloway, commended the commitment to sustainability and wellbeing as one of the core pillars of the plan, and raised a question Commons technology to conduct scholarship and international collaboration by reducing travel, which has a negative impact on the environment. Miglena Todorova, Professor and Director of Centre for Media Studies and Education, commented nd heavily on the Education Commons to tailor centre websites, host conferences and disseminate research knowledge. She noted that the vision for the next phase of the Education Commons development outlined in the strategic plan is excellent; however, she called for improvement in communication and customer service levels that will enable faculty to do their work better. Ms. Duncan thanked members and guest for their thoughtful comments and expressed enthusiasm for continued consultation and engagement regarding the plan.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.