

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

Revised Minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting of OISE Council were approved.
Minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting of OISE Council were approved.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair reported that at the April 18, 2022 meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the timing of a potential townhall on student funding and determined that it cannot take place while the bargaining process was underway between the University and the CUPE 3907 union representing Graduate Assistants. The Executive will discuss the timing of the townhall after the completion of the bargaining process. The Chair informed members that the schedule of governance meetings for OISE Council and its standing committees for the 2022-2023 academic year will be finalized, and published on the governance website, by July 1, 2022. She then thanked members of Council for their participation and contributions to the governance process at OISE during the 2021-2022 academic year.

5. Dean's Report

The Interim Dean, Professor Normand Labrie, began his report by announcing the appointment of Professor Erica Walker, an award-winning researcher and professor of mathematics education at Columbia University's Teachers College, as dean of OISE effective January 1, 2023. Professor Labrie also announced academic leadership changes effective July 1, 2022. Professor Sarfaro Niyozov will serve as Interim Associate Dean, Programs for the Fall term of 2022. Simultaneously, there will be a

Turning to advancement, the Dean noted that, owing to the excellent work of Director of Advancement, Sim Kapoor, and her team, OISE surpassed its fundraising goal of six hundred thousand dollars by raising nearly one million dollars this year, which will enhance the Institute's efforts to support student financial needs through scholarships and bursaries.

OISE's annual Excellence Awards Celebration held virtually on April 12, 2022, was a huge success with close to 150 participants. The winners of OISE's teaching awards, staff awards, and long service awards were acknowledged along with the OISE faculty members recipients of the university awards.

Related to the academic continuity planning, the Dean advised members that classes in May and June of 2022 will be held predominantly online to allow OISE's teacher candidates who obtained a temporary teaching certificate to teach during the summer term. The Department of CTL surveyed its teacher candidates regarding their preferences for the delivery of courses in July and August, and thirty percent expressed interest in in-person courses while seventy percent preferred online courses. The Department will accommodate both groups of students by offering some in-person courses in the summer along with an ample offer of online courses. For the Fall term of 2022, there will be a more progressive return to in-person activities and more courses will be offered in-person; however, OISE is planning for a substantial offer of online courses throughout the academic year of 2022-2023.

In closing, the Dean thanked members for their contributions, and acknowledged the exceptional work of Professor Katharine Janzen who was completing her two-year term as Chair of OISE Council.

A number of CUPE 3902 members were in attendance to discuss OISE's preparedness for a gradual return to in-person teaching in the fall term. A question was raised by a guest in attendance regarding when the information on ventilation and air quality safety of the building will be made available. The Dean responded that the responsibility for ventilation and air quality of the OISE building rests with the University of Toronto Facilities and Services that employs engineers and other experts to test the air quality and maintain the ventilation system. He added that he trusts that all appropriate measures are being taken to ensure that air quality standards in the building are met. Additionally, the Office of the CAO works closely with the University Facilities and Services, and has gathered a series of questions from the community regarding these issues. Based on these, the Frequently Asked Questions page will be developed, and will soon be posted on OISE's Covid-19 response information website.

Professor Terezia Zoric commented that at the coming meeting of OISE's Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC), which will be held on May 12, 2022, an occupational health and safety expert from the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, as well as an indoor air quality expert will join the Committee members to discuss issues around safety of the OISE building. She added that, following the JHSC meeting, it would be valuable to organize a community meeting to discuss these issues. The Dean agreed that health and safety issues are important to the whole community, and that timing of such a meeting, as well as format, would need to be considered especially since most members of the OISE community are taking holidays during the summer months. A student member of Council—also a member of the JHSC, reported that the Committee has been requesting information on the OISE building ventilation system and air quality from the University management since the beginning of the pandemic; however, only a single report was received to date. It was noted that more transparency and better access to the OISE building air quality and ventilation data is needed, and this information should be distributed more broadly. It was further suggested that, in preparation for the fall term of 2022, the JHSC should be a standing committee of OISE Council to report back on its work, findings, deliberations and recommendations. The Dean responded that OISE does not produce air quality reports and that the University is responsible for that. He reiterated that the CAO Office works closely with the University Facilities and Services on these

