

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)

Provostial Non-UTQAP External Review 2020-2021

OISE Council, December 9, 2020



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Cyclical Reviews: An Overview

- U of T reviews all Faculties, units and their programs a minimum of every eight years
- Schedule of reviews is prepared by the VPAP Office in consultation with the Faculties
- There is a distinction between the Provostial reviews of Faculties & Decanal reviews of units and programs
- The 2020-2021 review of OISE is a Provostial review (non-UTQAP). The last Provostial review of OISE was in 2015-2016
- The 2019-2020 reviews of OISE's departments and their programs were decanal reviews/commissioned by the Dean under UTQAP
- As a measure of its importance, the review report is taken forward to governance (Committee on Academic Policy and Programs – AP&P, Academic Board)
- The outcomes of the reviews are reported to the Quality Council

OISE Review 2020-2021, an Opportunity to:

- Demonstrate commitment to academic excellence
- Reflect on accomplishments and challenges
- Support ongoing appraisal and quality improvement
- Receive expert advice from leaders in the field and secure guidance on key strategic directions
- Assess performance relative to international peers

OISE Review 2020-2021: Timeline

- Commissioning Letter (draft Terms of Reference) – February 2020
- Standardized data set for OISE review received – February 2020
- Quality Assurance Workshop for programs/units undergoing reviews in 2020-2021– March 2020
- OISE Reviewer nominees sent to the VPAP Office – March 2020
- OISE/VPAP: planning meeting – September 2020
- VPAP Office identifies reviewers and sets dates for the review – November 2020

OISE Review 2020-2021: Timeline (continued)

- VPAP Office Announcement of review to Faculty – November 13, 2020
- OISE Consultations via Council, DAC, OLT, Advisory Committees, departmental meetings, etc. – November-December 2020
- OISE Draft Self-study to Community/VPAP Office – December 2020
- OISE Final Self-study to VPAP Office – January 2021
- VPAP Office sends Self-study to reviewers – early February 2021
- VPAP/OISE work on Virtual Site Visit schedule – early to mid-February 2021
- VPAP Office sends final Virtual Visit Schedule to Reviewers – late February 2021
- OISE Review Virtual Site Visit – March 22-26, 2021

OISE Review 2020-2021: Terms of Reference

- The consistency of OISE’s academic plan with the University’s long-range plan in particular, the commitment to excellence in teaching and research
- Progress towards OISE’s academic priorities, including the capacity to meet opportunities and challenges ahead successfully
- The appropriateness of the approach to graduate education and its enhancements to support students’ academic experience
- The effectiveness of OISE’s efforts to foster a strong culture of excellence and achievement in research and scholarly activity, including the effectiveness of support structures

OISE Review 2020-2021: Terms of Reference (continued)

- The effectiveness of OISE's internal organizational and financial structure including the appropriateness of resource allocation with respect to budget, faculty complement, infrastructure and advancement
- The scope and nature of OISE's relationships with other University of Toronto campuses and divisions
- The scope and nature of OISE's societal impact in terms of outreach to local, national, and international organizations and communities
- Extent to which initiatives have been undertaken to enhance the accessibility (e.g., for students requiring physical or mental health accommodations) and diversity (including underrepresented groups) of OISE in the areas of academic programs, student and faculty complement and recruitment

OISE Review 2020-2021: External Reviewers

- **Robert Floden**,
Dean, College of
Education, Michigan
State University



- **Christopher Morphey**, Dean,
School of Education,
Johns Hopkins
University



- **Jennifer Tupper**,
Dean, Faculty of
Education,
University of Alberta



OISE Review 2021: Virtual Site visits

Timing

- 5 days in the winter term: **March 22-26, 2020**
- Virtual site visit schedule to be determined in consultation with the VPAP Office

Meetings

- Faculty, students, administrative staff
- Academic and administrative leadership
- Members of the relevant cognate units and departments as determined by the commissioning officer
- Community partners, alumni, employers and professional associations

Cyclical Review of Programs and Units



Development

1. Review commissioned.

2. Terms of Reference.

3. Nomination of reviewers by the Dean. Approval by the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs.

4. Review announced.

5. Self-Study.



Review

1. Visit by external reviewers.

2. Report written by the external reviewers.

3. Request from the Vice-Provost for administrative response and implementation plan from the Dean.

4. Administrative response and implementation plan received.



Governance

1. Report goes to the Committee on Academic Policy & Programs.

2. Report goes to the Academic Board.

3. Report goes to the Executive Committee of Governing Council.

4. Possible one-year follow-up report to AP&P.

*Note:
Reviews go to governance
Cycle 2 and Cycle 5.*



Oversight

1. Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan (FAR/IP) prepared by the VPAP office.

2. FAR/IP submitted to Quality Council by the VPAP office.

3. FAR/IP posted on the VPAP website (www.vpacademic.utoronto.ca).

OISE Review 2020-2021: Discussion

- Challenges/risks for OISE over the next five years
- Opportunities that OISE should leverage over the next five years
- Emerging directions/priorities for the next phase of OISE's development