EduCA: Education Commons Advisory Framework



# Introduction

One of the strategic priorities for Education Commons strategic plan 2020-2023 was to design OISE community advisory structure for renewed and reimagined Education Commons. EduCA (**Edu**cation **C**ommons **A**dvisory) has been formed in winter/spring 2023. EduCA will consist of four advisories that will carry out the mandate in five steps - Content, Method, Review, Advise, Implement. This document provides a conceptual view on Advisory Framework and its Terms of Reference.

# Purpose

The advisory framework is established to create and maintain a collaborative, open and transparent OISE community engagement and advice to Education Commons as a community partner in four areas:

* Program/Teaching
* Student
* Research
* Administration

EduCA will provide advise on outcomes to enhance Education Commons support for different components at OISE. EduCA will work on one topic per year/per support area.

All advisory committees will operate based on the following principles:

1. Play advisory function to the Education Commons
2. Recommendations and advice are inclusive of all OISE interests
3. Grounded in best practice and strategic alignment

# Terms of Reference

## **Mandate**

EduCA is OISE wide forum that provides advise to Education Commons by addressing topics raised for that year in five steps:

1. Content – define the problem/opportunity
2. Method – path to get to the outcome
3. Review – peruse collected data and review facts
4. Advise – discuss findings and formulate advise
5. Implement - Communicate, provide stewardship for implementation

## **Membership**

1 Chair - Education Commons Director

Up to seven community representatives from various OISE constituents depending on the discussion items. One representative from a constituency group.

 Call for expression of interest to participate on any of the four advisory committees will open every March.

 The first, inaugural year of EduCA will be established by members by invitation to participate.

## **Term**

 Each advisory’s term is one year, beginning in May.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

 Chair – introduces the topic for the year, chairs the annual meetings

 Committee members – provide advise based on the evidence and facts

## **Meetings**

 4 meetings a year – May, August, November, February