

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land

In the opening statement, the Chair acknowledged the traditional land on which the University of Toronto operates.

2. Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the fourth and final meeting of OISE Council in 2020-2021, and provided an overview of the participation guidelines for virtual meetings.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

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

Minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting were approved

that OISE added almost five hundred thousand dollars in new money for student financial support indicating that the correct amount is well over six hundred thousand dollars. While OISE has done the very best it can in shifting the resources from one direction to another, more work is still needed to enhance student financial support. The Dean explained that the number of Graduate Assistantships (GA) has decreased over the past few years in part because of the increase in scholarships. On the other hand, the number of Research Fellowships GAs has increased. These opportunities allow students to work one term as a GA and another term as a Research Fellow supporting a SSHRC funded research project. The Dean further noted that the Research funding councils have augmented amount of funding for various research projects in support of students and student research. He added that increasing the Doctoral Completion Award is another important mechanism to help students in need who are nearing the completion of their programs, and that continuing to

needs. The Dean acknowledged that OISE has several mechanisms for student funding, which adds to the complexity, and thanked students for continuing to raise these important issues.

Following the report, Professor Charles Pascal took the opportunity to commend the Dean on his excellent leadership over the course of his term and especially during the challenging time of the ongoing pandemic.

student member, Ms. Diana Barrero, commented that the OISE Review document indicates that, for domestic students in the funded cohort including PhD and MA students, the funding for the last five years has not changed, and the increase in student scholarships does not appear to be significant. She added that the financial support for non-funded students also appears to be decreasing according to the OISE Review. The Dean reiterated that student funding at OISE is a complex issue, and that the data presented in the OISE review needs to be deconstructed. He invited Ms. Aimy Lieu, Director of Academic Operations, to provide additional information. Ms. Lieu acknowledged that the number of GA has decreased over the last five years; however, this has been due to process issues including a significant time gap between job postings and the actual start of the positions. She added that, since 2016-2017, OISE changed the way in which GA positions are provided to students, which contributed to the resolution of some of the structural issues including having to carry forward unassigned GA positions. Ms. Lieu highlighted that the issue of unassigned GA positions was created because of the eight-month gap between the time students apply for available positions and the actual start of the positions, and that this was alleviated by the new process introduced in 2016-2017. Ms. Lieu added that she would be happy to provide additional information and address specific questions after the mee add8(a)12(c)-10(0.0000000912 0 612 79

