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Dean Walker reported on recent international trips including the Global Network of Deans of Education Symposium in Austria in September 2024, and the OISE delegation visit to Hong Kong, Singapore, and China in late November 2024. The purpose of the Asia trip was to connect with alumni, potential donors, partners, and friends in this part of the world. OISE hosted three well attended alumni receptions in Hong Kong, Singapore and Beijing. A range of interests for potential collaboration were highlighted from dual degree programs, renewal of Memoranda of Understanding with partner institutions, enhancing research networking, professional development, as well as expanding existing department and program specific connections. The Dean thanked OISE delegation members, Professor Abby Goldstein, Chair of the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development (APHD); Professor Joseph Flessa, Associate Dean, Programs; Helen Huang, Chief Administrative Officer; and Sim Kapoor, Director of Advancement and External Relations for their contributions to the success of the trip. Professor Earl Woodruff, former Chair of the Department of APHD, and Professor Creso Sá, Vice Dean, were also acknowledged for earlier visits to Asia that helped to enhance existing and develop new connections.

An update on the academic planning was provided. The process commenced with a broad consultation

