Report on the Status of the iSchool Institute

- A decision was made to transfer the rights to deliver iSchool Institute professional development programming to the School of Continuing Studies effective May 1, 2014. This organization change is due to budgetary concerns.

- The Faculty is working closely to migrate programming and service to SCS in an orderly manner.

- The Faculty is currently transitioning the iSchool online courses, migrating content from the Blackboard to SCS.

- The iSchool Institute team has provided SCS with:
  1. a list of all the course instructors and their contact information
  2. A profile sheet for each instructor which included:
     a. Personal profile of each instructor
     b. List of courses taught
     c. Indication of course content ownership
     d. A few additional notes

- Communications have been sent to all key stakeholder groups including Instructors, students, Partners, and the iSchool Institute community.

- SCS has had group meeting with most of the current group of iSchool Institute instructors (both in-class and online). SCS will need assistance from the Faculty to identify 2-3 potential Course Instructor replacements. There have been initial conversations on course content and pricing.

- SCS is producing a website landing page for information on the new partnership arrangement.

- A review is underway to identify courses that are needed to support current students. In particular, currently reviewing what needs to be done to get as many Ottawa-based students through the program. The review will determine whether to run a series of courses in the fall.

- An analysis is required to determine how much to set aside for deferrals by students. A plan will be established on this.

- SCS wants to set up an SCS/FI Academic Advisory Committee (similar to Faculty of Engineering). Likely will need representation from two FI faculty members plus industry professionals.

- Currently most course material is owned by the Faculty of Information. SCS would like to be able to approach the Course Instructors to see if they would be interested in sharing ownership, on a 50%/50% basis, on existing course content. Under this agreement, Course Instructors would be required to offer programming under the SCS banner in U of T settings, while Instructors could use the course content for free in outside professional/business settings.

- Some course instructors are anxious to update existing course material. Changes in content will likely be introduced over the next 12 months.