e-Waste for Engineers: Letter of Affirmation

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Re: Letter of Affirmation for UOIT's e-waste for engineers program

The e-waste for engineers program set up between UOIT's Office of Campus Infrastructure and Sustainability (OCIS) and Engineers without Borders at UOIT (EWB@UOIT) offers a truly unique and innovative way to properly recycle e-waste and contribute to social change. OCIS and EWB@UOIT teamed up to collect, remove and properly recycle e-waste on campus. All e-waste collected is sent to the Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES), weighed, and money is sent directly to EWB@UOIT to fund the Junior Fellowship Program. It is a sustainable program that benefits the environment through e-waste recycling and provides social benefits for the participating student and for the community they visit.

The Junior Fellowship program is designed to support youth in becoming leaders of tomorrow. Young leaders are expected to dig deep into the complexities on African grounds and create a systematic change. Junior Fellows work with local communities to help unlock their potential for development. Following four months of establishing change in Africa, Junior Fellows are responsible for sharing experiences, leadership roles, perspectives, and innovating ideas with EWB@UOIT.

As the faculty advisor for the EWB@UOIT, I have interacted closely with one student who participated in the program and I have no doubt that the program has enriched his life. The program is also good for the community visited, and the UOIT community that he shared his experiences with.

Sincerely,

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