

Educator Committee Meeting Summary Report April 28, 2021 – Zoom

The new incoming Chair, Greg Hardy, welcomed committee members.

Welcome to Emily Chen and Rachelle Kingsler! This was Emily and Rachelle's first meeting. Emily is from British Columbia Institute of Technology and Rachelle is from Oulton College.

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- Approved, no edits required

MLT Simulation Boundaries Project

- CSMLS supports simulation in aspects of education, whether it be knowledge of preparation, clinical sign-off or anything in between.
- Simulation can be used as a capacity builder to reduce long clinical replacements. Currently in Canada there are clinical placements as short as 9 weeks and as long as 40 weeks; simulation can help find the sweet spot between these two extremes.
- CSMLS came out with an MLA Competency Simulation Boundaries based on MLA Competency Profile, to help MLA programs without robust clinical placement.
- CSMLS Board of Directors has approved the Simulation Boundaries Project.
- There will be meetings with stakeholders (educators, employers, regulators) in the next few months to work on these boundaries.

Introduction the Pandemic Experience Educator Survey

- The CSMLS Researcher will send a Survey to all Medical Laboratory Educational programs to collect data documenting what the programs have done/are doing during COVID-19. We hope to find common ground in the answers.

Additions to Agenda

- CICAN Virtual (Colleges Institutes Canada)
 - CICAN has a partnership with Simulation Canada. CICAN has secured federal funding to develop innovative work-integrated learning opportunities to students, through the collaborative development and distribution of virtual simulation recourses for nursing, paramedicine and medical laboratory technology.
 - CSMLS is working along side CICAN. CICAN is looking to develop approximately 120 Virtual Simulations and for MLT will focus on Microbiology and Histology. CICAN is supporting colleges and universities to participate and CSMLS would like to find a college or colleges to be part of a working group, this project's deadline is in 18 months.

Round Table on Programs and COVID

- Each Program gave a report on how their educational programs are handling the course work load during COVID-19. Each college is utilizing their time with virtual courses and hands on labs. They are keeping their social distancing and while following COVID guidelines.

Present: Greg Hardy (CNA), Linda R. Kappel (Saskatchewan Polytechnic), Rachele Kingsler (Oulton), Kendra J. Soukeroff (Interior Health B.C.), Patricia C. Longpre (Cambrian), Irene R. Campo (Robertson), Danny J. Rowsell (CNA), Krista M. Patriquin (NAIT), Emily Chen (BCIT)

CSMLS staff: Denise Neutel, Christine Nielsen, Shandra Tournay

Guests: Brandon Djukic (CSMLS Researcher), Sierra Paprocki (CEO Admin)

Regrets: Kimberly Lee Wheelans (SAIT)