

Educator Committee Summary Report 2020, November 2 – Zoom

The Chair welcomed committee members.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Histology and Microbiology Simulation grant opportunity
- Diagnostic Cytology (CY) Competency Profile Review update

2020, May 11 Minutes Approval

- Approved, no edits required

Update of CSMLS Certification exams

- Cert Director reported on state of Certification Exams, including:
 - additional dates,
 - RPT and
 - RPT vs IPT candidate performance outcome stats

Training Program Updates

- All members had time to debrief what is going on with their program and the effects of COVID-19 on theory and practical education
- For the most part all educational institutions have supported educators in the transition from in-person lectures to online lectures, but some educators have to put in long hours
- Most MLT clinical placements have resumed (some never stopped), but still some issues for MLA placements
- Wet labs have been an issue, with physical distancing and total numbers allowed in an enclosed space at one time
 - Programs are constantly re-evaluating how to deliver wet labs to get maximum capacity and delivery

Other Items

- Educator's hub on the Certification dept. webpages discussed, its use and importance to the committee members and community at large
 - Not many people use it, but know it is there if they need it
- Faculty Focus, bi-monthly Educator newsletter from Certification dept. discussed, its use and importance to the committee members and community at large
 - Committee members very favourable to this
 - Like the brevity of it, the timely information
 - Most pass it on to other faculty members
 - D. Neutel suggested it should be passed onto clinical partners by Ed Committee members
 - Members agreed that they will try to do this
 - Certification will add a line in the Faculty Focus to suggest that those who receive it pass it on their clinical partners

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- Histology and Microbiology Simulation Grant from the Canadian Federal Government
 - Federal granting agency involved is CICAN and it will be run through SIM Canada
 - Medical Laboratory Science is one of the priority occupations to be eligible to receive a sizable grant, if enough interest
 - C. Nielsen asked for interest among members and noted that she had to submit interest by this Friday (November 6).
 - Most found this intriguing and stated their institution would likely be interested, some mentioned needing to go back and discuss with their deans
 - It was noted that MLS is behind most other healthcare professions when it comes to simulated curriculum and this would be a chance to bridge that gap
- CY Competency Profile review was to have begun this fall, but due to COVID-19, it will be pushed back for at least one year
 - Committee members were informed that both provincial regulators from the provinces who have CY-MLT educational programming had been consulted and approved the decision

Next Meeting Date: Week of April 5, 2021

- A date poll will be sent to committee members for selection of availability

Present: Kal Randhawa – Chair (BCIT), Linda Kappel (Saskatchewan Polytechnic), Kimberly Wheelans (SAIT), Nancy Lemelin (Cégep de l'Outouais), Kendra Soukeroff (Interior Health B.C.), Patricia Longpre (Cambrian), Irene Campo (Robertson), Krista Patriquin (NAIT)

CMSLS Staff: Christine Nielsen, Denise Neutel, Lorna Zilic, Shandra Tournay

Guest: Brandon Djukic (CSMLS Researcher)