



*MUNSS Meeting Minutes  
7-9pm, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Conestoga College 2F28*

**Call of the Role**

**Present**

Joshua Carvalho (President), Tyler Schlosser (VP- Conestoga), Matthew Veldman (VP-Mohawk), Anmolpreet Kaur (Secretary), Laura Hidvary (Education-McMaster), Matthieu Payette (CNSA OD), Brianne Flowers (Level 1-Conestoga), Catherine Black (Level 1- Conestoga), Kristin Chambers (Level 2-McMaster), Lori Lopez (Level 2- Conestoga), Heather Buchanan (Level 2- Conestoga), Camille Peplinski (Level 3- McMaster), Lainey Ogilvie (Level 3- Conestoga), Bethany Gladding (RPN-BScN Conestoga), Boey Chak (CNSA AD- McMaster), Grant Macneil ( CNSA AD-Mohawk), Kylie Teggart (Awards/Scholarships), Leighanne Swance (RNAO), Chris Kilbourne (Communications), Taryn Theaker (Treasurer) Dianne DalBello (Conestoga)

**Faculty  
Absent**

Cynthia Hammond (Mohawk), Ola Lunyk-Child (McMaster), Marika Watson (Level 3- McMaster), Krista Sferrazza (Level 3-Mohawk), Sarah Walji (Uniforms), Lois Chui (Level1- McMaster), Kevin Kim (VP-McMaster), Lisa Chalklin (Social Co-Chair), Conrad Schoenfeld (Social Co-Chair), Sophie St.Pierre (Level 1- McMaster), Tommee Sasinouan (Level 1- Mohawk), Sophie Lapierre-Green (Level 1- Mohawk), Kelsey Clary (Level 3- Conestoga), Beth Fitzgerald (Level 4- Conestoga), Natalie Frixione (Level 4-Mohawk), Shea Vanderspank (Level 4- Mohawk), Nadine Bennet (Level 4- McMaster), Jess Voortman (Level 4- McMaster), Kristen Barnum (RPN-BScN Mohawk), Rebecca Vinken (Level 3-Mohawk), Brittany Stevens (Level 2- Mohawk), Tsewang Dhargyal (Level 2- Mohawk), Tea Pere (Level 2- McMaster), Chris Wituik (Education-Mohawk), Farida Mamoukhova (Education- Conestoga),

**Start of the Meeting**

Motion	To start the meeting at 7:05
Motioned By	Taryn Theaker(treasurer)
Seconded By	Leighanne Swance (RNAO)
Motion Conclusion	Passed by general consensus

- School of Nursing is restructuring how they will teach moving forward, PBL groups will

be increased to 48 people starting Fall 2015

- 12 is too big for level 1 nursing let alone 40.
- Moves away from the small group learning- not PBL so much anymore, more so case study class.
- Will not make us any different from any other schools then, because small group learning is what differentiates McMaster from other Schools of Nursing.
- Small group learning was advertised at the university fair, many students will chose Mac due to its small groups in first year
- Tutors are not very happy about this change and have been telling students how horrible for everyone this new experience will be.
- Would be more of a successful transition if groups remained small in first year, and increased in further years.
- Possibly consider integrating TA's into classes?
  - Upper year students who can take a course and show interest in possibly pursuing education?
- Was this discussed with accreditors?- we were accredited only 6 months ago
- Why groups of 40?- will entrance numbers be changed?
  - Students are concerned that they will not complete their degree in four years because of how competitive it is already to get a placement.
- Josh has had a conversation with Carolyn Bryne as well as Tracy Jewis about having students sit on the committee to develop what the new 40 person PBL.
  - 3 students will be able to be on the advisory committee
  - There shouldn't be a reason why Mac/Moh should be separated in PBL due to being on the same campus.
    - Will help break down barriers of students feeling less than.
    - Conestoga students may still feel left out, so the stigma towards Conestoga increases because they are so far away from campus.
  - Heather and Matthieu (Conestoga), Grant and Taryn (Mohawk), Kristin/Kylie/Camille (McMaster) will be sitting on this committee
- Admissions will take in more people next year- how will students be securing clinical placements, it is already hard enough with the amount of students taken in
- **Conestoga Level 2 Placements**
  - Clinical placements for level 2 were a contentious issue because there were some students from Thursday to Friday and vice versa.
  - Students had concerns surrounding transportation, securing daycare, work arrangements, etc
    - Stratford group has 1 car only for a group of 8
  - There won't be an option sheet as filled out going forward, many problems have been come brought forward (hospital choice, carpool groups, etc)
  - Is it unreasonable to possibly consider asking who has access to a vehicle?
    - Is it fair that those with a vehicle are placed farther away?
    - What if they aren't comfortable driving 3-4 other students?
  - Transportation is indicated as your personal responsibility upon entrance from the SON from each site and stream.

- Consider posting somewhere on avenue something along the lines of “can individuals with access to vehicles be able to switch around to another hospital further away?”
- Tyler (VP Conestoga) and possibly Matthieu (Conestoga CNSA OD) will approach Andrea Miller to discuss concern about placements and consider a win/win scenario for students and faculty arranging clinical placements for students.
- **Awards**
  - Award opportunities will be posted.
  - RNAO Award of distinction: students involved in RNAO, making a contribution to nursing population
  - Awards Committee to be formed- 3 MUNSS awards pre-existing that need to be given out
  - 2 members existing as of right now
  - Blast advertisement again to get more members
  - In the process of establishing criteria, etc on the awards
- New MUNSS award idea: Global Health Placements for level 4 students- considering putting rest of Awards money (\$400) into an award for those going on these placements
  - GUNI (committee for global health placements) is non-existent as of right now
  - Iris will be contacted about what to do going forward
- Rules and regulations document on how the exec will be run will be emailed out to the exec by the president
  - Will be discussed in further detail in the new year
  - Document is on the MUNSS website
  - Different than policies and procedures document
- Capstone conference: went very well and smoothly, maybe didn't need as many volunteers
- Winter capstone will be in March, will need more help because almost around 250 more students
- Second SDOH series- only Laura (education McMaster) showed up
  - Nobody else showed up
  - Should we be doing the next two SDOH speakers? – education thought they should scrap it.
  - Many don't know who these speakers are

Motion	Stop having SDOH series and consider other ideas
Motioned By	Tyler Schlosser (VP Conestoga)
Seconded By	Lori Lopez (Level 2 Conestoga)
Motion Conclusion	12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained: PASSED

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Crowe come in again either as a talk next term or come into the SDOH health

- Possibly collaborate with SDOH faculty and try doing a lecturer during class time related

to course content

- Consider having nurses in various locations to come in and talk next term
  - Lunch n learn in a classroom (PBL type of situation)
- CNSA conference meeting was today- talked about accommodations, award, more specific event details
  - Only have received 4 applications from CNSA as of last week—there are only 6 awards in total
- Complimentary hugs and compliments in MDCL and student centre today with yellow suits involved
- Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>- dodgeball tournament to end off the NNSW
- RNAO speaker coming in Tuesday at Conestoga- pizza will be offered along with handing out CNSA goodies
- Don't want to do cake this year because you had to pay to have food on campus- since there is food services hired at Conestoga
- Faculty didn't know it was NNSW- they should be incorporated in some way for next year.
- Zach- SRA rep for nursing faculty
  - Consider have him come into a meeting at some point when they are available
- City of Kitchener will not subsidize for grand river transit, therefore not very feasible to have bus passes happen for Conestoga
  - Should bring it forward to CSI again, many things have changed over the last two years
- VP Mohawk has emailed a representative at Mohawk to get some voices heard about issues about that site
  - Mohawk VP (Matthew) will email the representative and MSA president to see where it will go
- Meeting set up with Caroline Byrne November 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm for level 3 nursing games, CNSA conference (and RNAO if needed)
- RNAO approached by Hamilton chapter with idea of trying to become a RNAO chapter school
  - Every undergrad student will be members of RNAO at discounted rate (MUNSS will get that extra \$15)
    - That \$15 will be included in our student fees
    - Like CNSA, automatically become RNAO member with tuition payments
- Level 1 anatomy cookies
  - Done at Ronald McDonald house last year
  - Anatomy final exam December 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Taryn has volunteered a house to bake in- BUT Ronald McDonald house has 3 ovens
  - Consider splitting up baking (someone does 12, another individual at another's house, etc.)
- Do we want to bake cookies for a community organization?
  - Kristin (level 2) will contact Ronald McDonald House about what MUNSS is and

reaching in to possibly bake in there

- Eileen Hannah (level 2 chair) needs volunteers at HWSB for distributing clothing to the less fortunate in May 2015
  - Can bring in donations to give to Eileen
- Explore the health careers event (school of medicine) aboriginal group needs nursing volunteers November 28<sup>th</sup> 9-3 to go to grand river reserve
- Alumni association of McMaster looking at having alumni nights for alumni and students to network (meet other nurses in different areas)
- Possibly bring in yellow suits for Conestoga fall preview on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Temporary injuries and disabilities concern will take around 2 years to change, according to an ONA representative
  - Matthieu CNSA OD has an action plan developed and will speak with Lynda Bentley Poole
  - Placement availabilities is an issue in this concern

Motion	Extend meeting by 10 minutes
Motioned By	Boey Chak (CNSA AD McMaster)
Seconded By	Laura Hidvary (Education)
Motion Conclusion	10 for, 0 against, 2 abstain: PASSED

- Operation shoebox: fill shoeboxes with items that are needed for children in developing areas, Christian organization

**End the Meeting**

Motion	To end the meeting at 9:15
Motioned By	Tyler Schlosser (Conestoga VP)
Seconded By	Chris Kilbourne (Communications)
Motion Conclusion	Passed by general consensus

Meeting Adjourned