



## MUNSS Meeting Minutes

6:00-8:30 pm, December 3rd, 2015

Conestoga College, 2F28

### Call of the Role

#### Present

Krista Sferrazza (President), Camille Peplinski (VP-McMaster), Matthew Veldman (VP-Mohawk), Leighanne Swance (VP-Conestoga), Anmolpreet Kaur (Executive Assistant), Farida Mamoukhova (Education- Conestoga), Mike Bostioca (Level 1-Conestoga), Brianne Flowers (Level 2-Conestoga), Selena Braund (Level 2- Conestoga), Zoe Waller (Level 3-Mohawk), Breanne Soeting (Level 3-Mohawk), Nicole Mills (Level 3-McMaster), Ashlyn Baer (Level 3- Conestoga), Dallas Miller (Level 3- Conestoga), Lainey Ogilvie (Level 4- Conestoga), Rebecca Vinken (Level 4-Mohawk), Erin Docking (RPN-BScN Conestoga), Hilary Sudar (RPN-BScN Conestoga), Heather Buchanan (CNSA AD- Conestoga), Grant Macneil ( CNSA AD- Mohawk), Marika Watson (Social Co-Chair), Bianca Colcer (Communications), Joyce Ng (Finance Chair), Bronwen Zatterberg (Uniforms), Sheldon McGinn (Accelerated), Eunice Leung (Accelerated), Joanna Chu (RNAO-Hamilton)

#### Faculty

Dianne DalBello (Conestoga), Kathy Moreland (Conestoga), Lynn Voelzing (Conestoga), Pam Baxter (McMaster)

#### Absent

Cynthia Hammond (Mohawk), Ola Lunyk-Child (McMaster), Boey Chak (CNSA OD), Caroline Wysocki (Level 1- Conestoga), Katie Pruden (Level 1- McMaster), Laura Chapman (Level 1- McMaster), Sophie St.Pierre (Level 2- McMaster), Tommee Sasinouan (Level 2- Mohawk), Sophie Lapierre-Green (Level 2- Mohawk), Laura Hidvary (Education-McMaster), Amanda Todd (Education-Mohawk), Lois Chui (Level 2- McMaster), Katie Labron (Social Co-Chair), Danielle Veldman (Level 1-Mohawk), Betty Xamounty (Level 1-Mohawk), Charlotte Blakely (Level 4- Mohawk), Andrea Harvey (RPN-BScN Mohawk), Terrance McBean (RPN-BScN Mohawk), Viorica Lefter (Awards/Scholarships), Kylie Teggart (Level 4- McMaster),

Caroline Mueller (Level 4- McMaster), Amber Oram(Level 3- McMaster),

**Start of the Meeting**

Motion	To start the meeting at 6:07 pm
Motioned By	Farida Mamoukhova (Education- Conestoga)
Seconded By	Rebecca Vinken (Level 4- Mohawk)
Motion Conclusion	Passed by general consensus

- Healing Touch Workshop- Kathy Moreland (healing touch instructor, Conestoga tutor)
  - would like sponsorship from MUNSS for her workshop- advertisement and support
  - 28-40 students have attended in the past from all sites
  - workshop will be held at the Conestoga site on January 23-24th, 2016
    - 8am-5pm both days to get the full certificate
    - Kathy is willing to do the workshop at a later weekend as well
  - healing touch is a process of mind body therapy, based on the concept that we are all made of energy
  - attendees pay for opportunity to learn 12 techniques to use at the bedside, helps you become more in touch with yourself energetically, and calm you down in various situations
  - certificate received at the end that you can use in the future to become an instructor as well
  - in Canada at the moment the course is at \$400 per person due to the exchange rate
  - Kathy charges the price for the workshop just to run the course itself which is around \$100-\$125 per person depending on the exchange rate
    - includes a textbook, cost for the certificate and registration with Healing Touch
    - there must be at least 10 individuals who sign up for the course to run, with a maximum of up to 40 individuals

Motion	Allowing Kathy to advertise her Healing Touch Workshop through MUNSS and have support from MUNSS for this workshop
Motioned By	Krista Sferrazza (President)

Seconded By	Brianne Flowers (Level 2- Conestoga)
Motion Conclusion	14 for, 0 against, 0 opposed→ PASSED

- Nursing Welcome Week Planner VOC
  - Lois Chui→ PASSED
  - Katie Labron→ PASSED
- Lynn Voelzing and Pam Baxter
  - significant changes have occurred in the program with group sizes of 40
  - NCLEX- disparity across sites with ranges from low 40s-90s
    - students in the first round were not taking it as seriously and thought they could write the test without really studying- that is false! This is a standardized test that you must seriously study for.
    - concern at the provincial and national level is that faculty are not able to see the exam
    - faculty are part of a letter writing campaign because there is concern about language, empirical measures and American terms that was tested on the NCLEX
    - Conestoga has continuing education courses that are based on different areas that individuals may need increased reinforcement in and an NCLEX repository on EConestoga with many resources for students to use
    - the McMaster collaborative is increasing the number of multiple choice questions in their testing in preparation for the NCLEX
    - concern about the three writes only allowed for the NCLEX
    - past result percentages for each school can be found on the CNO website
    - faculty were not told about the change in examination well in advance, it was very last minute, and at that point it was too late to make changes
    - there are preparation programs in the US who are not associated with the for-profit organization who runs the NCLEX exam who are approaching students, especially popular nursing students
      - is there going to be policies created for this?
      - because it is over social media, faculty are not able to intervene with this
  - CASPER has been added to the admission process for the nursing program across all three sites, in addition to the grades component

- RPN-BScN concern over the amount of hours spent on the sciences in comparison to nursing courses
  - possibility of more hours for the science courses
- Conestoga faculty advisor
  - there is no longer a Conestoga advisor, there are now only 2 faculty advisors in general for all 3 sites who are Martha Davis and Liz Reeves
  - in order to meet with one of the faculty advisors, there is a booking process which is done through Connie Heckbert at [heckbec@mcmaster.ca](mailto:heckbec@mcmaster.ca)
- Level 1 Conestoga Syrian Refugee Initiative
  - K-W region is expecting the arrival of approximately 1050 refugees by the end of December 2015
    - the prime minister has agreed to taking in 25,000 refugees, the Waterloo-Wellington LIHN is expecting 8,000 of them
  - objective is to provide them with essential items to support basic needs during their initial settlement phase
    - welcome package consisting of toiletries, bus tickets, grocery gift cards, map of K-W, two small towels, warm blanket)
    - gently used winter clothes and toys
  - working on getting a drop-off area on school premises for donations
    - Heather (CNSA-AD Conestoga) can help with setting up a bin as she would like to do a coat drive
  - working in collaboration with the Mennonite Refugee Coalition for these donations as they have direct contact with them
  - hoping to collaborate with MUNSS to have a bigger voice with class announcements, circulate emails to faculty members and possibility of monetary donations
  - 1 welcome package will cost around \$67
    - \$100 allotted for a rental fee, but if a rental space is not used then each package will be around \$67

Motion	To provide administrative support and resources until January where we will then provide itemized donations at the amount of \$500
Motioned By	Krista Sferrazza (President)
Seconded By	Marika Watson (Social)

Motion Conclusion	15 for, 0 against, 0 abstained → PASSED
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- Mini Conference- “Where are you now? What do you upon graduation?”
  - many individuals are worried about NCLEX and job cuts
  - people who graduated from nursing in past 10 years to discuss their test and career experience
    - potential of also asking Conestoga faculty members who have their own initiatives currently running
  - individuals from the burn unit, emergency, psychiatric unit, and others will be guest speakers at this conference
  - Looking to MUNSS for a donation for food and supporting the conference
  - possibility of a speaker who has experience in hiring or nurse educator roles
    - Hilary Sudar (RPN-BScN Conestoga) will help with this
  - this is a good way for RNAO to get involved at the Conestoga as well
  - Proposed date of February 27th from 8am - 4pm with breakfast and lunch provided

Motion	To organize a CNSA mini conference on February 27th at Conestoga with the theme of “Where are you now and what do you after graduation”
Motioned By	Grant MacNeil (CNSA AD-Mohawk)
Seconded By	Leighanne Swance (VP- Conestoga)
Motion Conclusion	14 for, 1 abstained, 0 against→ PASSED

Motion	To extend the meeting by 5 minutes
Motioned By	Krista Sferrazza (President)
Seconded By	Brianne Flowers (Level 2- Conestoga)
Motion Conclusion	15 for, 0 abstained, 0 against→ PASSED

- TEDx McMaster event on February 28th at McMaster
  - \$500 donation by MUNSS last year
  - It is believed that nobody from nursing attended last year

Motion	To decline the donation request to the TEDx McMaster event
Motioned By	Krista Sferrazza (President
Seconded By	Katie Labron (Social)
Motion Conclusion	13 for, 2 abstained, 0 against→ PASSED

**End the Meeting**

Motion	To end the meeting at 8:36 pm
Motioned By	Brianne Flowers (Level 2- Conestoga)
Seconded By	Zoe Waller (Level 3- Mohawk)
Motion Conclusion	Passed by general consensus

Meeting Adjourned