



EDC 2015 report to the STLHE Board

January 2016

Milestones

Professional Development and Conferences

- The three-day EDC professional development Institute was held from April 13-15, 2015 (<http://edc2015.info.yorku.ca>) at York University led by Celia Popovic and her team. The Institute had two streams with 25 novice and 23 experienced educational developers attending the sessions. Participants came from 19 universities and 5 colleges throughout Canada. Similar themes were addressed in the two streams- from what is educational development, to practicalities of educational development work, to reflecting and measuring the impact of our work. The Institute was again highly successful with an overwhelming number of participants saying it completely met their expectations.
- The next Institute will be held in October of 2016 and will be a partnership between Sheridan College, University of Toronto, Mississauga and Humber College. Again it will feature a novice and experienced stream and will explore *“The changing face of higher education: Implications for our work with faculty and their classrooms.”*
- Our 2015 conference was held at the University of Manitoba in collaboration with the University of Winnipeg and Red River College. The theme was *‘Reflecting on our leap beyond the evidence.’* We had 108 delegates from 42 post-secondary institutions who attended the 44 concurrent and 9 water cooler sessions. Two bursaries were awarded. One highlight of the conference was the banquet at the Museum of Human Rights. Our thanks to Jordanne Christie for her work as Vice-chair, Conferences with the committee on this wonderful conference.

Grants

- The criteria for the award was reviewed and updated <http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/grants/grant-applicants-reviewers/>
- This year we awarded five grants. The first to Natasha Kenny and Lousie Luchuk for their project *“A framework and comprehensive resource for building the capacity of educational developers”*, the second to Klodiana Kolomitro for the

project “*A study exploring how Canadian teaching and learning Centres assess their work*”, the third project to Vivian Neal, Alice Cassidy and Sandra Neil for their project “*Best practice cases of sustainability in educational development*”, the fourth to David Hutchison for “*Strengthening Project-based Learning through Project Management Best Practices: A Facilitation Guide for Educational Developers*”, and the last to Robin Mueller, Natasha Kenny, Patrick Kelly, D’Arcy Norman and Joni Miltenburg for “*Investigating the Experience and Impact of Strategic Planning in University Educational Development Centers: A Case Study*”. As a result \$14,333 were distributed through our grant program in 2015. More information on any of these projects can be found at <http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/grants/grant-recipients-projects-proposals-and-reports/>

Action groups

- We now have 8 action groups. The *Mentoring* action group began its webinar series in December with the topic of “*Moving on up: Making transitions in your work as an educational developer*” with short podcasts being created to summarize the comments made by webinar leaders (<http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/resources/mentoring/>). Several more webinars have been planned for 2016. In addition more ideas on how to support mentoring was discussed at EDC 2015 (<http://www.stlhe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/EDC-2015-Mentoring-session-notes.pdf>).
- The work of the *Educational Developers Portfolio* group is almost finished with their completion of the Blue guide on creating an educational developers portfolio to be presented at EDC 2016 in Windsor. This online guide will be available to all as a link on the EDC web site. This is the first guide on this topic to be published and is the first of our peer-reviewed Blue guide series. We give special thanks to Jeanette MacDonald and her team, and also Carolyn Hoessler, Vice-Chair, Professional Development who supported this process. This action group also participated in a COED webinar in September, gave a workshop at POD in San Francisco, CA in November and participated in a EDC mentoring webinar on this topic in January of 2016.
- The *Teaching and Learning Centre Leaders* action group met at STLHE 2015 in Vancouver, BC with about 40 centre leaders in attendance, and also at EDC 2015 in Winnipeg. Stephanie Chu has facilitated this group since it began. Resources suggested by this group can be found on the EDC web pages <http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/resources/tl-centres-list/tl-centres-leadership/>
- The action group on *Accrediting centre’s courses or programs* completed their work by creating a discussion paper after a literature search, discussions at EDC meetings and also an online solicitation of feedback. This paper can be found at <http://www.stlhe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/EDC-Discussion-Paper->

[FINAL.pdf](#) A pilot of the framework they created is currently underway. Many thanks to Celia Popovic and her team for her work on this critical issue.

- The *Living Plan* action group worked to revise the plan that guides all of the initiatives of the EDC. They performed a review of our recent conferences, conferred with the membership at our annual meeting and sent out revised themes for review to the EDC membership <http://www.stlhe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/EDC-Living-Plan-Updates-June-1-v2.pdf> The recommendations from this group have been presented to EDC executive and we plan to revise the living plan to reflect these changes in 2016. Our thanks to Natasha Kenny and her team for shepherding us through this process.
- The *Rewards and Recognition* action group facilitated by Joe Lipsett continues to try to find ways to acknowledge our wonderful community. Pierre Boulos continues to lead our action group on *Guidelines for ethical conduct*. Many thanks to Mary Wilson and Maureen Wideman for their previous work on this committee. Our *Education for sustainability* action group with Alice Cassidy as the team leader continues to meet and provide resources (<http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/resources/education-for-sustainability/>)

Governance

- We are very appreciative of the work done by EDC executive members, Erika Kustra and Jordanne Christie who completed their terms in 2015.
- In 2015 we had two new members join our executive, Celia Popovic as Vice-chair, Conferences and Erin Aspenlieder as the Secretary, plus the term for our Vice-chair, Communications, Stephanie Chu was renewed. It has been great to have these new folks on board. Carolyn Hoessler, has continued as our Vice-chair, Professional development. In addition, we have Tim Loblaw as our Treasurer, and he has worked hard to provide us with timely information about our finances and to help us build our budget. This year he created a three-year budget that is now aligned with that of the Society. Again this year we had an increase in Membership which now stands at 237 active members (up from 181 last year).
- As this is my last year as Chair I want to give sincere thanks to the many people who devote many hours of their time to this vibrant, creative, and caring community. It has truly been a joy to work with all of them. I also have appreciated spending the last four years on the STLHE board and working on the 3M National Teaching Fellowship selection committee.