

EDC Annual Report to STLHE January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

Executive Summary

EDC Executive: Current

Chair, Erika Kustra
Vice-Chair Communications, Maureen Wideman
Vice-Chair, Professional Development, Jaymie Koroluk
Vice-Chair, Conferences, Celia Popovic
Vice-Chair, Awards and Recognition, Natasha Patrito Hannon
Secretary, Mandy Frake-Mistak
Treasurer, Theresa Southam

EDC Executive: Terms Ending June 2017

Past Chair, Deb Dawson
Vice-Chair Communications, Stephanie Chu
Secretary, Erin Aspenlieder

EDC Coordinators

Educational Development Guide Coordinator, Jessica Raffoul
EDC Grants Coordinator, Kris Knorr
EDC Institute Coordinator, Lisa Endersby
EDC Webinar Coordinator, Joe Lipsett
EDC Resource Review, Mel Young

The Educational Developers Caucus (EDC) report is organized based on the four major areas of the EDC Living Plan: engaging members; advocating nationally and internationally; celebrating, reflecting and scholarship; learning and growth.

1. Engaging Members in Co-Creation

Governance

A major change in governance with the development of a new Vice-Chair, Awards and Recognition. We welcomed Natasha Patrito Hannon in the inaugural position to support the growing profile of awards, grants, bursaries and other recognition. We thank the outgoing EDC Executive who completed their roles June 2017, and welcome our new Executive!

Communications

The EDC continues to expand its outreach through various media. Email continues to be our main communications tool, with a 16% increase in our listserv membership. We use additional social media tools such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, and all have shown an increase in use over the year.

Action Groups

There are six EDC Action Groups with over 40 EDC members:

- Indigenous Knowledges



- Guidelines for Ethical Conduct
- Ethical Practices
- Mentorship
- Evaluating Educational Development
- Teaching and Learning Centre Leaders

The groups have created new awards, an EDC Exchange, resources, have engaged in scholarship, and developed new networks to enhance educational development in Canada. New action groups may be proposed at any time.

2. Advocating Nationally & Internationally

The EDC Membership has seen growth over the last year, with 262 paid members. The EDC Executive and members have also been actively increasing connections internationally. The Chair of EDC visited China with the President of STLHE to attend the ICED meeting, and the Chinese Higher Educational Development Network (CHED). Also, EDC members were part of launching the first *International Educational Developer Course* online. Our Past-Chair published an article on the history of EDC, *Levers for change in educational development in Canada: Looking back, looking forward*.

3. Celebrating, Reflecting & Scholarship

As a community, we celebrate, reflect and engage in scholarship individually, collectively and continually.

Guides

The second guide in the series, *Rapport-Building for Educational Developers* is now available (<https://www.stlhe.ca/affiliated-groups/educational-developers-caucus/guides/>). The first Guide, *Educational Developer Portfolios*, was used in the EDC Institute, POD Network Institute for New Faculty Developers and summarized in an article. Two new guides were confirmed based on member interest in centre reviews and ethical practice.

Awards

The inaugural ***Educational Developer Leadership Award*** and the ***Distinguished Educational Development Career Awards*** were presented at the EDC Conference, 2017.

EDC Accreditation Framework

To date, we have awarded 12 accreditations through the EDC Accreditation Framework, which provides a process to support high quality professional development programs at Canadian post-secondary institutions. The program has raised interest nationally, and internationally (www.stlhe.ca/affiliated-groups/educational-developers-caucus/accreditation-for-courses-or-programs/).

Grants and Bursaries

We received a record 21 proposals to advance educational development in Canada and \$14,500 was disseminated to eight exciting projects. Additionally, six applications were received for EDC bursaries to support participation in the EDC Conference at the University of Victoria, for \$3000.



4. Educational Developer Learning and Growth

Inaugural Educational Developers Grants for Exchanges (EDGEs)

A new initiative this year, the Mentorship Action Group developed a pilot program to support professional exchanges. The ED Grants for Exchanges (EDGEs) initiative, provides financial support to both individuals and groups, to enhance mentorship and networking among educational developers.

EDC Conference

University of Guelph, hosted the EDC Conference February 22-24th, 2017, “(re)Thinking Tradition.” A record 158 delegates attended, representing 55 institutions across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, China, as well as the Ontario and Federal governments. Several new formats were explored, including speed dating, campfire sessions, and a human library.

EDC Institute

This year’s institute was based on the first EDC Guide, *The Educational Developer’s Portfolio*, using a new blended approach to enable community building and reflection. The face-to-face workshop was hosted at Saint Mary’s University following the STLHE conference in Halifax, June 2017.

Webinars

The EDC is continuing development virtually. Approximately 130 registrants attended five webinars, including online professional development, and joint sessions with the Scotland Higher Educational Developers.

Conclusion

The EDC Executive and membership are a vibrant and growing group. The budget remains healthy, allowing us to pilot new initiatives such as the exchange program. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dynamic group, and we look forward to the new challenges and opportunities in 2018.

Erika Kustra
Chair, Educational Developers Caucus
University of Windsor