

MSPAG Medical Sonography Postgraduate Program Advisory Group

Minutes

Tuesday, 1 November 2022 4.00pm – 4:45pm

ZOOM

Members present: Sean Coveney (Chair, Repat Health Precinct SAMI), Brooke Osborne (UniSA Program Director Medical Sonography), Bec Perry (UniSA Stream Coordinator Cardiac), Sandy Maranna (UniSA Stream Coordinator General), Shylie Mackintosh (UniSA Dean of Programs - Allied Health), Kate Lamb (UniSA Stream Coordinator Vascular), Trisha Mathers (Benson Radiology), Emma Childs (Proxy)

Apologies: Lauren Tollenaar (SA Heart), Kate Paddick (SAMI), Amelia Buick, Michael Cursaro (CALHN)

Item	Notes	Action Required	Person(s) responsible
1. Welcome and Apologies	Acknowledgement of Country Welcome and note made of apologies.	n/a	n/a
2. Minutes and actions from previous meeting	17 May 2022 Meeting Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record a) Professional Certificate Short Course: - Shylie Mackintosh and Brooke Osborne have had further discussions around offering only one course per semester, as it's inefficient to run both courses both semesters (as in the Graduate Diploma). - Brooke asked the group if this would work or if prospective trainees taking 1 year to complete the short course would be an inconvenience? - Trisha Mathers has a start of year and mid-year intake so liked the option of having a course available each semester. - The group was in support of the program offering Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation in Semester 1 and Professional Issues for Sonographers in Semester 2 of the Professional	Make changes to the Professional Certificate Course offerings for 2023	Brooke Osborne/ Shylie Mackintosh

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	Certificate Short Course in 2023. b) Feedback on possible entry Graduate Certificate (Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation, Professional Issues for Sonographers, Abdominal Sonography, Superficial Parts Sonography): - The group discussed the implications of an entry Graduate Certificate - Kate Lamb asked from an ASAR perspective, with students doing Abdominal Sonography and Superficial Parts Sonography, can we assess those students who have not done anything clinically? - Bec Perry has been getting her Level 1 Cardiac students to submit cases, as they are scanning from commencement in the program. - Brooke shared that in the General stream, Course Coordinators assume that students in Abdominal Sonography and Superficial Parts Sonography have been scanning. - Sean and Trisha currently have the requirement of the two theory courses before the commence scanning/are accepted to a training position.		
3. Business arising	a) Review of membership/ timing for another callout - Brooke shared that it's been a few years since we've done a callout to boost the numbers in the stakeholder group and it may be time for a refresh. - The group was in support of doing a callout for new members pre-Christmas and then another callout post-Christmas, ready for the next meeting in April 2023. - We should have some early career sonographers in the group also. Brooke will flag this opportunity with students about to graduate, and Bec can do this with Cardiac students graduating.	Conduct 2 callouts for new Group members Flag the opportunity to become an Advisory Group member with graduating students	Brooke Osborne/ Sean Coveney Brooke Osborne/ Bec Perry
4. Standing items	a) Staff Updates - Brooke is leaving the Program on 18 November 2022. She has accepted a 3-year secondment to a role as Academic Developer in the Teaching Innovation Unit. - EOI has gone out for a new Program Director, due next Monday. Once the Program Director has been finalised, there will be a recruitment drive to back-fill the teaching.		

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	Brooke thanked and acknowledged the current Sonography team for their support over recent years and has no hesitation in leaving the program in their hands.		
	b) Program Updates - Students were advised of the 2023 timetabling changes prior to their second semester this year, allowing them time to shuffle around their enrolments. Abdominal Sonography and Superficial Parts Sonography will only be offered once a year. Supervisors were also informed of the changes. - There is flexibility in the study plans as students discuss the order of courses with their supervisors/ workplace. With a letter of support from their supervisor, we will allow students to override the pre-requisites. - Some students did not read this communication at the time and are only now requiring support in revising their study plans.		
	c) Academic Integrity Issues - No issues to report beyond the usual. Exams will remain online in 2023. Some courses have changed the assessment type. - Trisha shared that the exams and vivas are still impacting her workplace as most students take a full day off. - Brooke had given students notice and asked them to check with their workplace what date worked best for the vivas, but it doesn't appear that the students did this.		
5. Future Agenda Items	Nil		
6. Any other business	Nil		
Next meeting	April 2023 - TBC		