

CLINICAL SODA MEETING - APRIL 2025

AGENDA

Date	03/04/25	Semester, Week	
Time	1630	Length	60 Minutes
Venue	SODA Meeting Thursday, 3rd April · 4:30pm – 5:42pm Time zone: Australia/Sydney Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://charlessturt.zoom.us/j/69598952404?from=addon		
Chair	Jacques Fletcher-Cauchy		
Attendance	Dr Lesley Forster, Dr Sandra Mendel, Tanya Miller, Jacques Fletcher-Cauchy, KJ Sandhu, Aryan Sharma, Dylan Byrne, Jess Payne-Burnett, Kel Grady, Georgia Goodhew, Phoebe Elena, Nick Ruthenberg, Sophie Lotz		
Apologies	Nayma Bilal		
Agenda	If adding to the agenda, please attach your name to the agenda item. Items should be submitted 24 hours prior to the meeting.	Priorities -	
Announcements	<i>"We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the lands on which Charles Sturt University campuses are located. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal people, the ongoing cultures and the connections with the lands and water of the country. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge contributions of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians to the inclusion and empowerment of all people in a country we live in and share together."</i>		

Agenda	Minutes	Deadlines/Actions
General Business Leader: Jacques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledgement of Country - Purpose of meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clinical school issues/positives - Clinical school events - CHARMS 	
1. Y5 Conference Week Leader: Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content of clinical week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content will be tailored to preparing 5th year students for internship. - Content may cover certain aspects of final exams for 5th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Georgia and Phoebe to survey Year 5 students on "Mini Conference Week" content

	<p>years, but that is not the purpose of the conference week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery (Orange vs Local) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery of conference week will be local (At each RCS). - Dr Mendel, Dr Christie and Dr Cantwell will be visiting each clinical school for 2-3 days to deliver the mini conference weeks. - Sandra: Moving conference week locally is minimising cost involved for students. - Timing (Before vs After Exams) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timing not set as AMC Accreditation has led to SRM not being able to organise conference weeks as of yet. - Exam time for 5th years may be changing. This will mean conference wee - Griffith: Would prefer after exams. - CHARMS: Sponsorship day on conference week not going ahead? Lesley stated to have sponsors day at end of the year at same time of graduation. Georgia backed this idea for engagement from fifth years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sponsor Day "Day of Talks" to be moved to the end of the year by CHARMS.
<p>2. First Name Badges Leader: Jacques</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orange Clinical School received theirs on the 5th of March. - Other RCS have not. Why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Badges should have been delivered. Bathurst, Orange, and Coffs Harbour have received theirs. Swan Hill, Port Macquarie, Griffith, Albury and Parkes have not. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tanya to follow up name badges.
<p>3. Hastings Macleay Placements Leader: Kel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requesting more time at Port Macquarie Base Hospital for Gen Med & ED rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reason to increase exposure on a wider breadth of clinical cases. - No was the short answer, citing disagreements with UNSW particularly in Wagga. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kel to inform students to speak with Dawn for Hastings Macleay ED placement.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Happy for students to reach out to the Head of Campus (Dawn) to discuss. - Ability to choose the type of surgical specialty for year 5 surgical placement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lesley/Sandra: Sub specialty surgical rotations aren't as important as gen surg. Most cases presenting to ED for JMO's will be referred to Gen Surg. - If you have access to subspecialty theatre time (invited by surgeon etc.) go along. Jump on invitations by the surgeons. - Gen Surg is important for foundational surgical skills for CSU students to know. - Dr Mendel: If there are any problems on placement, bring up with CSSO and Head of School, email Lesley and Dr Mendel. - Dr Mendel is happy for us to jump into surgery sub-specialties or follow patient from ED to theatres. 	
<p>4. Year 5 Selective Placement Leader: Jess</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification on what students can choose and where they can go for selective placement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions: Clarifications on what students can choose? - Can be any placement within the School of Rural Medicine's footprint. If outside, may be considered but must be rural. - Restrictive for smaller RCS'. Trickle effect to students not wanting to be placed at these regions for clinical years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a student in their clinical school has a placement, another CSU student from another RCS cannot do the placement if there is no availability. - If a student from another clinical school is interested in a placement at another RCS, they must inform both their CSSO and the CSSO of the other RCS to negotiate the selective placement attendance. It should be approved if there is availability. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must negotiate selective placement within the SRM footprint. - Selective placements must be rural. 	
5. ePad to Risr/ Leader: Jess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When will this be happening? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heard from SRM this was happening at the beginning of 2025. - Lesley not sure. SRM have been having meetings about risr. The discussion needs to go to the university's technical team. It is also expensive. - May find out Monday. - Currently students will remain using ePad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update from Lesley on the situation at the next meeting.
6. Scientific streams/content upload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessible at the start of the year? All streams/content - Drip fed content does not work as peoples schedules are all different depending on their RCS. - Dylan - If scientific streams are being evaluated then it makes more sense to release the streams slowly, but it also makes sense to have access to all scientific streams if available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Mendel to follow up with scientific streams. Will be released as requested.
Untabled + wrap		
Any other business	<p>Rural Preferential Interviews are on at the same time as CSU exams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSU will do their own exams, and not at the same time as WSU if students want exams after RPI's and at a separate time to WSU. If exams remain for June, CSU will sit the same exam as WSU. - Lesley has asked when we want exams to be held. - Georgia and Phoebe surveying the Year 5's. - Dr Mendel option: push back exams 2 weeks after interviews. A month at the most. - Majority of students at the end of the meeting in the Year 5 survey preferences exams to be moved to mid-July. (20 votes for, 9 votes for June) - Exams are currently scheduled for June, at same time as Rural Preferential Interviews. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update to be given at the next meeting in regard to exam dates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WSU definitely cannot change exam dates, SRM will try, but cannot guarantee change in dates, this is a courtesy message from SRM but they will take into consideration student perspective. 	
Questions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation Update from Lesley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AMC came thinking CSU wanted to stay with WSU. - AMC thought it sounded like a good idea for CSU to stand on its own. The AMC Team that visited makes a recommendation that is taken on board, but the AMC deciding committee decides and then the medical board makes the final decision. - If CSU is on their own, we are either accredited or not, then CSU if accredited will decide whether we leave WSU. - Conditions will be put on the school for school changes to be made/implemented for accreditation. - Nick Question: Student safety on psych rotations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hospital training days, good idea for students to participate in these training days, or psych orientation before placement starts. - Graduation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lesley - CSU Official graduation will be as normal (next year April/May for 2025 cohort) - Robes will be worn, we will do a "celebration" run by SRM/CHARMS at the end of the year. - Establish a graduation committee graduation in regard to if students want awards, after Year 5 exams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacques to advertise committee positions again after Year 5 exams. (June/July)
Meeting closed	5:42pm	