



## Teaching and Learning Special Interest Group

### Report from online meeting, 11 Feb 2022 (after the CAUTHE conference)

Chaired by: Mieke Witsel, (SCU, co-chair), Niki Macionis, (UQ, co-chair), Tamara Young (UoN, co-chair)

Supported by CAUTHE Members: Paul Whitelaw (SCU/THS), Glen Croy (Monash).

Members and attendees were invited to discuss their completed or planned research work and share opportunities for collaboration which were later themed into the following categories:

- At risk students
- WIL and employability
- Study tours
- CoP and online learning

### Specific topic areas included

Career adaptability progression, learning outcomes of study abroad, pre-emptive profiling of at-risk students, employability, WIL, online simulations, innovative methodologies for authentic learning; best ways to enhance knowledge transfer in the online space: industry and community focused, sustainable learning, change, active and collaborative learning - diverse teams, virtual teams; sustaining sustainability beyond learning; student coping with change; developing historical sensibility capabilities; teaching and learning approaches to enhance student thriving; educator professional identity, 1st year international students and anxiety, artificial intelligence; tourism cases, at risk students.

### Future activities

This vast array of research topics led to a discussion of future activities for the SIG in 2022 and 2023 and identified three themed areas (see below).

#### Theme 1: Talking about Teaching

Proposal: Getting together online regularly to discuss problems, challenges and solutions to teaching and learning matters (from a cross-institutional perspective).

#### Theme 2: Cross-institutional 'Practical Pointers'

Proposal: Sharing best practice through various mechanisms including digital recordings and repositories of best practice.

#### Theme 3: SoTL support and collaborative mentoring

Proposal: Creating a network of cross-institutional experts. Develop a path of collaborative mentoring.

### Administration news

Co-chairs Mieke Witsel and Tamara Young announced they were standing down from their co-chairing positions. Niki Macionis will remain as a Co-chair to provide continuity while welcoming new Co-chairs who will lead the specific portfolios as below:

1. Sandra Cherro Osorio (Melb Poly) - Talking about Teaching
2. Anastasia Yeark (Kaplan Business School) - Cross-institutional 'Practical Pointers'
3. Aaron Tham (USC) - SoTL support and collaborative mentoring

We warmly welcome these new co-chairs and leaders of these portfolios.

With the restructure of many tourism/hospitality/events faculties and schools due to COVID, the opportunities for teaching experiences for upcoming early career academics are dwindling. This, too, highlights the need for and benefit of cross-institutional linkages and thus a wider exposure for the early career teachers.

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