



Word from the Dean

Welcome to the second issue of the SITCM Student Newsletter. I hope the last three months have been full of learning and growth. In this issue I would like to share with you a little about student-centred learning. This learning style is increasingly popular in the Australian education sector, and is based on the idea that we learn most effectively when the process is active rather than passive. Student-centred learning is backed by an extensive body of research, and has been around for millennia. In the words of Confucius:

"I hear and I forget.

I see and I remember.

I do and I understand."

Therefore, we are gradually increasing tutorial lengths in BTCM units from one to two hours, and reducing lecture lengths from three to two hours. We trust that this will ensure SITCM's learning environment is an engaging one.

Jian Jiang

SITCM News

- Our End-of-Year Dinner is fast approaching. We would love to see some student entertainment performances (under 5 mins each) at the dinner. If interested, please contact Rosa in the Library.
- From 17-20 October, we will be promoting the Clinic at MindBodySpirit. All students are welcome to join us – just mention your interest at reception.
- 'Upcoming Events' have been added to the right-hand side of the Moodle homepage.

- Want to sell or buy an old textbook? Take a look at the "Old Textbooks for Sale" table now pinned to the Level 5 noticeboard.
- Our [website](#) is about to undergo a redesign.
- A 'Library Tour' has been added to Moodle.
- The Library has recently acquired several new books, including 'Shang Han Lun Explained' and 'Medical Acupuncture: A Western Scientific Approach'.

Clinic Updates

Several BTCM Year 3 students have expressed concern about completing Clinic requirements before graduation, as their cohort is relatively large. We are working with student representatives to ensure the Clinic is meeting student needs. Key Clinic updates include:

- In Sem 1 2020, the Level 5 Clinic will be open for BTCM students only 6 days/week.
- In Sem 1 2020, we will try opening the Clinic 6pm-8:30pm each Thursday by appointment (just tell Rosa if you'd like to book a patient in for that time).
- We will start sending occasional marketing emails to consenting former patients (e.g. at Chinese New Year).
- The 20% Clinic discount rate now applies to children (to 16 years) and pensioners.
- We have added detailed information about Clinic services to our [Facebook](#) page.
- We have updated the cover photo on SITCM's [Clinic](#) page to make the Clinic appear more attractive.
- We offered free treatment for all 2019 MS Gong Ride participants, and are awaiting a response from the organisers.

Word from Student Reps

Hi everyone. This section is by Felix Niland, the Chairperson of the Student Representative Group (SRG) and a member of the Academic Board, and Teresa Huynh, the Student Member of the Teaching & Learning Committee (TLC).

We'd like to begin by saying thank you very much to all the students who have used the new anonymous feedback form in Moodle! Most of what we wrote last time was letting you know that section had been created, and encouraging you to use it, so thank you so much. If you haven't seen, there is a "Response to Anonymous Feedback" section on the main page of Moodle above your units. There have been some great changes such as... (drum roll) SITCM taking some great actions to bring more patients to the clinic, including advertising at Taijiquan classes, sponsoring the Multiple Sclerosis 'Gong ride' (thanks Kenny!), and SITCM subscribing to several new journals! Please head over to that page to see all the good stuff that's happening.

Please also be aware that giving feedback can be an ongoing conversation if you want it to be! Just because you have received a response, doesn't mean you can't write back again. If you are happy with a response you received, even to anonymous feedback, you can use the anonymous feedback form to say thank you! Or, if you would like more action to be taken, you can write back there too. Please let us know how we're doing!

In other news, as I - Felix - move into my busy fourth year, this will be my last semester on the

SRG. Thank you everyone who delivered feedback for giving me an opportunity to help you as best I could, and to everyone, staff and student, with whom I worked. Thank you.

Reminders

- Trying to access an article? Besides the Library's [Online Database](#), open access databases like [PubMed](#) and [Research Gate](#) contain many free journals.
- Any student having issues connecting to the campus Wi-Fi should contact Kenny (please ask for him at the admin office).
- SITCM students should know that all herbs stocked in our Clinic are carefully sourced and fully comply with TGA requirements.
- Both [HE policies](#) and [VET policies](#) are available on our website. Take a look to learn more about how we approach things like grievances, attendance and graduation.
- Australia has six national TCM associations, all of which accept student members. We encourage you to join one or more to be a part of the national TCM community.
 - Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association
 - Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Society of Australia Ltd
 - Chinese Medicine Industry Council
 - Federation of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Societies of Australia
 - Australian Natural Therapists Association
 - Australian Traditional Medicine Society
- Would you like to see something included in future issues of the Newsletter? Send an email to damien.mathews@sitcm.edu.au.

Key Student Feedback

Suggestion: That SITCM review its clinic safety procedures to ensure they meet standards.

- We have reviewed Clinic safety procedures and made several changes, including purchasing a stronger grade of detergent and providing all Clinic students with a list of key safety procedures by email.

Suggestion: That SITCM purchase a subscription to “the Journal of TCM”.

- We have now purchased this subscription.

Suggestion: That more computers with Smart TCM be added to the Clinic.

- Two additional computers with Smart TCM have been installed in the Clinic. A further two computers will be installed in the Herbal Processing Room in coming weeks.

Suggestion: That Smart TCM be replaced with Cliniko as the Clinic booking system.

- Cliniko allows patient records to be accessed off-campus, which is illegal in a teaching clinic. We encourage students to tell us the issues with Smart TCM so we can try to fix them.

Suggestion: That SITCM provide free colour printouts of HMS101 lecture slides.

- Colour printing costs have been reduced from 50c/page to 35c/page for all students.

Upcoming Events

- **ATMS Presentation**

Date: 24 October (Thu), 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Venue: Classroom 602, SITCM

Presenter: Nathalie Hume

- **English Support Workshop**

VET & HE students are encouraged to attend.

Date: 6 November (Wed), 10:00am – 11:00am

Venue: Meeting Room One, SITCM

Presenter: Damien Mathews

- **Chinese Medicine Registration Info**

The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia’s CEO will discuss registration with Year 4 students.

Date: 6 November (Wed), 11.20am – 1:20pm

Venue: Classroom 602, SITCM

Presenter: Debra Gillick

- **5th Int’l TCM Conference of Australia**

Date: 8, 9 November (Fri, Sat), all day

Venue: Building 7, UTS

Registration: 02 97276831 or emasatcm@hotmail.com

- **Chinese Medicine Roadshow**

The Chinese Medicine Council of NSW will hold an open discussion on the role of the Council, clinical records, advertising, testimonials and notifications.

Date: 10 Nov (Sun), 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Venue: Guthrie Theatre (CB06.03.28), UTS

Registration: mail@chinesemedicinecouncil.nsw.gov.au

- **Graduation Ceremony & End of Year Dinner**

Date: 1 Dec (Sun), 2:00pm – 6:00pm (ceremony)

6:00pm – 9:00pm (dinner)

Venue: Zilver, 477 Pitt Street

Registration: library@sitcm.edu.au

- **Interprofessional Series 4: Physiotherapy & Knee Pain and Related Problems**

Date: 6 December (Fri), 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Classroom 710, SITCM

Presenter: Rosanne Ng

If a CPD certificate is needed for any event, please contact library@sitcm.edu.au