EdNet Working Groups
Description

Overview
EdNet membership is growing and becoming more diverse. This provides an opportunity to engage members through *working groups* or communities within our network. Working Groups can be initiated at any time when there is significant interest in collaboration.

Working Groups:
A working group can be defined as a small group (4 or more) of people who collaborate around a topic of interest with the objective of producing curriculum products and/or scholarly studies in line with the EdNet mission. . For each working group, a leader or co-leaders will be identified, one of which is expected to participate on the EdNet Advisory Board. To create a working group, anyone from an EdNet member institution can submit a proposal with a mission and plan that supports the overall EdNet strategic goals. To initiate a new working group, please contact ednet@mit.edu. Working groups should be disbanded whenever the members no longer desire to collaborate, or if the WG becomes dormant. The EdNet staff can establish and maintain e-mail lists for WG members to facilitate intergroup communication.

Working Group Members:
All faculty & staff from EdNet member institutions are encouraged to initiate or participate in one or more working groups. Members can also include individuals from LAI organizations, other industry or government organizations, or retirees. Members of working groups are educators or professionals interested in gaining expertise or sharing knowledge in a common area of concentration. Working group members are expected to actively engage with others to create curriculum modules and tools that can be shared with EdNet members.

Working Group Leaders:
The WG Leader (or co-leader) serves as a member of the EdNet Advisory Board, and must be affiliated with an EdNet member. . The WG Leader is responsible for initiating discussions, scheduling and planning ongoing activities that move the group mission forward. The Working Group Leader is also responsible for providing updates or activity reports once a year prior to the Lean Educator Conference, or when new materials are produced. WG Leaders permit their contact information to be published at the EdNet website so that potential members can inquire or join the working group.

Working Group Products:
Each WG should focus on a deliverable that is of value to the WG members and contributes to the EdNet body of curriculum and knowledge. The production of a deliverable is the catalyst for the WG members to work together, and thereby

expand their knowledge and capability. It is up to the WG to define what deliverable they wish to create. Examples could include: curriculum modules, courses, case studies, assessment tools or techniques, scholarly studies or papers evaluating curriculum or learning effectiveness, videos, simulations, or exercises.

Lean Educator Conference

WG leaders or their designated representative are encouraged to participate in the program planning and the program for the annual Lean Educator Conference. This annual event can provide a venue for WGs to present outputs of their work in the form of presentations, papers or workshops. The venue also provides an opportunity for WGs to meet before or after the conference.

EdNet Agreement

Members of EdNet Working Groups are associated with institutions that have signed the EdNet No Cost Collaboration Agreement, and their activities align with the terms and conditions of the NCCA. For example:

- Curriculum development is undertaken under the auspices of, and supported financially by each participant
- Curriculum material that members choose to help develop or make available to the LAI EdNet, is made available subject to intellectual property rights, copyright notice and terms of use covered below
- Contributed curriculum may be subject to peer review

2010 Working Groups

The following three groups are already active:

- Lean Healthcare Curriculum
- Organization Lean Education & Training
- Lean Systems Engineering

Other Possible Groups:

- Online Lean Education
- Lean Product Development
- Lean Accounting/Finance
- Lean Change Facilitation
- Other ideas are welcome!