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The Council of Deans was active this year addressing key issues facing academic administrators. As described below, the Council studied several significant issues, developed effective programming at both the Interim and Annual Meetings, and acted on several organizational issues. The COD also partnered with the Council of Faculties on numerous projects including two joint committees, programs at both the Interim and Annual Meetings, and Viewpoint pieces in the AJPE. Specific areas of focus for the COD this year included:

New programming at the Annual Meeting. In the past, council members expressed an interest to interact with peers to learn from each other and to share common issues. Thus, Strategic Session roundtable discussions were developed to bring council members together to discuss significant issues facing the academy. About 80 council members participated in roundtables at the Minneapolis meeting and over 100 are scheduled to meet at the Salt Lake City meeting. Summaries from the various Strategic Sessions are posted on the COD Web site.

Enhancing advocacy. During the year, council members worked closely with Will Lang to enhance council advocacy efforts. During the Interim Meeting in Washington, DC, council members participated in a variety of programs that stimulated awareness of legislative and advocacy processes. Several council members visited United States Representatives and Senators on the Hill. Also during the Interim Meeting, council members met in small groups with representatives from government funding agencies, such as NIA, HRSA, and NIH. Last Fall, the COD and COF chairs co-authored a Viewpoint article for the journal outlining the importance of advocacy to the academy. In addition, a joint COD-COF Advocacy and Outreach Committee was appointed to assist with advocacy efforts. The committee had three main charges: 1) assist with the planning and implementation of portions of the Interim Meeting dealing with political advocacy, 2) review current approaches that have been used successfully by other health professions in advancing their advocacy, and 3) develop “best practices” for effective advocacy for pharmacy education, practice and research. The committee make an interim report at the Salt Lake City meeting and will be collecting additional material during the Strategic Sessions that will be incorporated into their final report being released in the early Fall. Committee members included:

Rosalie Sagraves, IL, Co-Chair, COD
Earlene Lipowski, FL, Co-Chair, COF
Anne Hume, RI, COF
Gary Oderda, Utah, COF
Ken Roberts, KY, COD
Dan Robinson, Northeast, COD
Mary Euler, UMKC, COD

Faculty recruitment and retention. Work continues on this very important topic. A joint COD-COF committee was established to collect “best practices” for faculty recruitment and retention. In the past, groups identified the various causes for this problem, but this year’s committee focused on effective strategies that schools are using. The committee used “chat-room” technology to collect and share information as they developed their report. The committee will make its final report in Salt Lake City. Committee members included:

Alan McKay, Shenandoah, Chair, COD
Mary Andritz, Albany, COD
Kelly Goode, MCV, COF
Anne Lin, Wilkes, COF
Janice MacKichan - Midwest, COF
Ilia Oguendo, PR, COD
Harold Godwin, KS, COD
Sidney Nelson, Wash, COD

Revise COD Standing Rules and Mission Statement. A small Strategic Planning Committee was appointed to 1) revise the COD’s Standing Rules (especially in light of recent House of Delegate action) and 2) review the council’s Mission Statement. The council will vote on the committee’s final recommendations at the Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. Committee members include:

Bobby Bryant, Ohio Northern, chair;
Bob Beardsley, UMD;
Tim Chan, USC;
Joseph Steiner, Idaho State

Evaluation of the role of the Administrative Board Representative. The council’s Administrative Board reviewed the role of the board representative since there was some question about the purpose of this position. After consulting with a variety of individuals within the
council and the association, the board agreed to keep the position, but assign specific tasks to this individual, such as chair of the nominations or resolutions committee.

**Residency Task Force.** The Residency Task Force completed its work and presented its findings at the Interim Meeting in February. The Task Force’s White Paper was placed on AACP’s Web site. A special thanks goes to Chair Mary Lee and the other Task Force members: Marialice Bennett, Patricia Chase, Dick Gourley, Don Letendre, John Murphy, Jean Nappi, Art Nelson, Charles Taylor, Marilyn Speedie, and Rod Carter.

**Enhancing the COD Web site.** With the assistance of Ken Miller and other association staff, the COD Web site has been upgraded and important documents have been posted. In the future, the Web site will be used to enhance communication amongst council members.

**Meetings.** Council members participated in a successful Annual Meeting in Minneapolis in July and a very effective Interim Meeting in Washington, DC in late February. At the Interim Meeting, council members met in small groups with representatives from government funding agencies. In addition, special sessions dealt with how to advocate for pharmacy education, practice, and research. Members also scheduled meetings with their United States representatives and senators. Council members will be able to continue with these advocacy efforts at the 2005 Interim Meeting, which will again be held in Washington, DC.

**Diversity Activities.** I participated in a program entitled “Building Diversity: Tools for Making a Difference” on behalf of the Association. This informative colloquium, sponsored by FASHP and AAMC, discussed the significance of the United States Supreme Court’s recent affirmative action decisions and their implications for higher education, especially institutions training health care providers. Interest in this important subject led to the development of a national webcast program held on February 11, 2004 dealing with these critical issues. I served as moderator for this webcast.

**Results of 2003 Elections.** Steve Leslie from UT-Austin was elected as chair-elect of the Council of Deans and will be installed at the Salt Lake City meeting along with Vic Yanchick who will be installed as Chair of the COD.

**Nominations for 2004 Elections.** The Nominations Committee (Marilyn Speedie, chair, George Downs, Eric Jarvi, and Pam Joyner) recommends the following slate of officers for the 2004 election process:

- Chair elect: Patricia Chase (Butler) and Henry Lewis III (FAMU)
- Secretary: Doug Bricker (Duquesne) and Bob McCarthy (CT)
- Administrative Board Representative: Bernard Graham (Wilkes) and Beverly Schmoll (Wayne State)

**Resolutions.** The Resolutions Committee (Beverly Schmoll, chair, Mehdi Boroujerdi, and Diane Swaffer) was charged to draft resolutions for the council to consider. The committee will make its final report (and will make a final call for resolutions) at the Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City.

I have enjoyed my tenure as Chair for the Council of Deans and I look forward to continued service as past-Chair working with Vic as Chair and Steve as Chair-elect. I would like to thank Marilyn Speedie and Ken Miller for their guidance and wisdom in helping me implement the above activities. Thanks also to Gayle Brazeau for her collaborative efforts as Chair of the Council of Faculties. I have valued my experiences working on the AACP Board of Directors and with AACP staff. I look forward to serving with this creative and dedicated group of individuals for another year!