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Minutes of the 2005 Council of Faculties Business Meeting, July 11, 2005, Cincinnati, Ohio

Call to Order

Chair Terry Schwinghammer (West Virginia) called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. in the Hall of Mirrors of the Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Quorum Committee Report

Julie Koehler (Butler) reported that more than twenty-five (25) individual active members representing more than fifteen (15) regular institutional members of the Association were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Report of the Chair

Chair Schwinghammer welcomed everyone and thanked members of the sections, the Academic Sections Coordinating Committee (ASCC) and Council of Faculties (COF) Administrative Board for a productive year. He reported that the new orientation for section chairs and chairs-elect held last October was successful. Next September, section leaders will meet via teleconference, followed by an on-site leadership meeting for in-coming chairs in April 2006.

Report of the Secretary

Barbara Sauer (California-SF) reported that the minutes of the 2005 COF Business Meeting held February 8, 2005 in Washington, D.C. were posted electronically on the AACP website in the COF folder. The minutes were received and approved as written.

Report on the Board of Director’s (BOD) Activities from the COF Immediate Past Chair

Gayle Brazeau (Buffalo) presented the following highlights of the recent Board of Directors (BOD) meeting.

ACPE. The BOD met with ACPE appointees and staff to discuss the draft accreditation standards and guidelines. Specifically, the BOD discussed where schools seemed to be having difficulty meeting the existing accreditation standards and how the two organizations could work together in the future to help schools meet the standards.

Committee reports. The BOD reviewed the 2004-05 committee reports, which were distributed to Delegates prior to this meeting. There was also discussion about the recent Academic-Practice Partnership Initiative and the faculty resources and development opportunities that will be necessary to be in step with the newly released Joint Commission on Pharmacy Practice (JCPP) vision for pharmacy in 2015. The BOD also discussed the need to identify strong member programs across a wide range of areas that will communicate the value and contributions of member institutions.

Finances. The BOD reviewed the budget and decided to keep membership dues the same. The largest growth in revenues came from student-related services. The BOD is looking into diversifying revenue sources in order to keep pace with the need for additional staff to support the organization’s growth.

Electronic job posting. The BOD is exploring an electronic job posting service that could be linked to other pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences organizations. The BOD will be considering whether to continue to print classified ads in the AACP News.

Affiliate institutional membership. The guidelines for affiliated membership status were revised to emphasize the importance of regional accreditation, per the anticipated changes in accreditation standards.

AJPE. The BOD met with the editors of AJPE. AJPE will soon be included in Medline, which will likely increase visitors to the site. Since 2003, AJPE has experienced an increase from approximately 2000 to 15,000 unique visits per month. Submissions remain strong and free access continues. The Journal’s office recently moved to Columbia, South Carolina.

AFPE. The BOD met with the AFPE to discuss how to secure more support for research programs at all levels.

Committee Reports

Chair Schwinghammer thanked those who served on COF committees this year. He informed members that the specific charges to the committees this year and list of committee members were available on the AACP Web site.

Faculty affairs committee. Chair Schwinghammer reported that the committee was charged with providing oversight to the sections as they developed discipline-specific abilities statements to augment the 2004 CAPE Outcomes. This turned out to be a larger undertaking than anticipated, although some progress was made. President-elect Diane Beck will appoint a task force to continue this effort, building upon the work that was done by the sections.
Joint COD/COF task force on faculty practice plans. Todd Sorensen (Minnesota) reported his committee looked at professional service plans and consulting activities. They surveyed CEO Deans in April and May and found that few schools actually have practice plans in place. The committee developed a document outlining some issues to consider when implementing or modifying practice plans. The committee recommended incorporating information related to professional service plans into the institutional data collection process and continued discussion and programming on this topic. The full report is available on the AACP Web site.

Joint COD/COF task force on combined degrees. Harold Godwin (Kansas) reported that the task force surveyed schools to determine the type of dual degree programs being offered. The number of students in PharmD/MBA programs greatly exceeded those in PharmD/PhD or PharmD/MS programs. It also appeared that PharmD/MBA graduates were less likely to go into academia. The Task Force recommended appointing another committee to examine PharmD/PhD programs in more detail and gather additional information about PharmD/MBA degree programs. The full report is posted on the AACP Web site.

Joint COD/COF advocacy and outreach task force. Cynthia Boyle (Maryland) described the activities of the task force, which serves as an advisory group to Will Lang, VP for Policy and Advocacy. They provided input on issues such as the uninsured, medical malpractice reform, Medicare Part D implementation, PHS Title 7 implementation, and the pharmacists’ role in medication safety. She provided examples of how Will has been able to use the Task Force in advocacy efforts, such as writing letters to members of Congress, and encouraged members to consider getting involved in this advocacy effort.

Joint COD/COF committee on ACPE scholarship metrics. Douglas Reid (Florida) reported that the work of the task force is still in progress. They are planning to submit a report at the 2006 Interim meeting.

Reports of the Resolutions and Standing Rules Committees

Rod Carter reported that the two committees have operated as one in recent years. There were no resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Committee this year. The committee outlined some proactive mechanisms to identify potential issues in the future and how these would be worked into draft resolutions. A comment from the floor suggested also adding the NABP District meetings as a source of identifying important issues at the regional level.

The Standing Rules Committee recommended formally merging the two committees. The recommendation was sent to members electronically in advance of the meeting. There was a motion to do so, which was seconded. The motion passed unanimously, exceeding the two-thirds vote of active members present. The committee was also charged with considering the need for a Strategic Planning Committee within the COF and determined that due to the ongoing discussions of possible governance and structure modifications by the BOD, such efforts would be premature. The full report is on the AACP Web site.

Nominating committee. Chair Gayle Brazeau reported on the slate of candidates for the next COF election. She asked the candidates for Chair-elect, Brian Crabtree (Mississippi) and Julianna Szilagyi (Houston) to stand and be recognized. She also asked the candidates for Secretary-elect, Marie Chisholm (Georgia) and Ruth Nemire (Nova Southeastern), to do the same.

Old Business

ACPE draft standards and guidelines. Terry Schwinghammer reported that President Draugalis appointed an ad hoc task force to review the ACPE draft standards and guidelines and provide comments. He encouraged the sections and individual members to also provide comments.

AACP appointee to ACPE. Chair Schwinghammer informed members that AACP would be seeking nominations for the ACPE Board of Directors to fill the term to be vacated by Barbara Brandt (Minnesota). This 6-year term requires a substantial time commitment and will begin in July 2006.

New Business

Advocacy and fellowship opportunities. Will Lang, VP of Policy and Advocacy, reminded members of the importance of sharing their good work, research, and the activities of their schools with AACP staff and public policy members. He is currently working with the Department of Education (DOE) to recognize the PharmD as the sole entry-level professional degree. This would enable pharmacy students to access adequate financial aid, comparable to what students in medicine, dentistry and other doctoral health professions programs are able to receive. DOE requested information about how the degree differs from a BS degree and specifically how that impacts the cost of education. He asked member schools with any information on the comparable costs of the two-degree programs to share that information with him.

Will reported on a congressional briefing on rural health issues held in June. Representatives from the University of Minnesota, Duquesne University, and the
University of Arkansas shared information about what their institutions are doing to meet the health needs of rural communities.

Lastly, he reminded members about the two fellowship programs for pharmacy faculty: the DHHS Primary Care Policy Fellow and AACP/AAAS Congressional Fellow. Mariam Mobley (Illinois) recently completed the DHHS Primary Care Fellowship, which only requires being in Washington, D.C. for a total of 3 weeks over a one-year period. Gary Matzke (Pittsburg) was the most recent AACP/AAAS Congressional Fellow. That fellowship is aimed at mid-career faculty and takes place over a one-year period, necessitating a sabbatical. Information about both fellowships is on the AACP Web site. The deadline for applications is December 1.

Open forum. Chair Schwinghammer asked members for any other items to bring to the attention of the BOD or AACP staff.

Continuing education forms. There was concern expressed regarding the requirement for social security numbers on the CE affidavits this year, in light of potential for identity theft.

Committee reports. There was discussion about how the reports from committees and task forces are addressed. Rod Carter clarified that policy issues need to go to the HOD and reminded everyone of the resolutions process. Recommendations that go to the BOD may be triaged to other committees or forwarded to the HOD. Regardless, there is a tracking mechanism within the BOD to make sure that all issues forwarded to the BOD are addressed. COF committees may recommend that resolutions or policy statements go directly to the House.

AJPE manuscript reviews. Gayle Brazeau reported that AJPE is always looking for new reviewers. She encouraged members to go to the AACP Web site and update their profiles, so that the editors would be aware of their areas of expertise.

Bylaws and policy development open hearing. Tim Ives (North Carolina), Chair of the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee commented on the dearth of issues forwarded to his committee for review. He reminded members of the deadline for resolutions at 6 PM that day and the open hearing the following day. President Beck asked the committee to review the structure and governance of the association and that will be discussed at the open hearing.

Round table topics. Amy Allison, incoming chair of ASCC, solicited suggestions for next year’s round table topics. Topics included communicating with different types of patients, cultural competence in students and practitioner faculty, educating a diverse student body, issues related to teaching students whose first language is not English, professional practice plans, issues related to small group dynamics, and facilitating small group discussions.

ASCC. Amy reported that theme for next year’s Teachers Seminar will be communication skills, specifically integration and assessment of communication skills across all aspects of the curriculum. She also mentioned that a subcommittee of ASCC met to plan some minor revisions to the abstract review process, to be implemented this next year.

ACPE draft standards and guidelines. In the interest of time, Chair Schwinghammer deferred discussion of the ACPE draft standards and guidelines to the section business meetings.

Installation of 2005-06 Officers
Gayle Brazeau installed the following individuals as the 2005-06 Administrative Board: Chair Rod Carter (Minnesota), Chair-elect Kenneth Skau (Cincinnati), Immediate Past-chair Terry Schwinghammer (West Virginia), Secretary Barbara Sauer (California-SF), and ASCC Chair Amy Allison (Mercer).

Remarks of the New Chair
Rod Carter recognized the efforts of Immediate Past-chair, Terry Schwinghammer by presenting him with a service plaque. He then briefly reviewed the committees and task forces for the next year. These include continuation of two COD/COF Task forces (Metrics of Scholarship and Advocacy and Outreach), three standing committees (Faculty Affairs, Nominations, and Resolutions and Standing Rules), a Task Force on Interprofessional Education Research and Patient Care, and a COD/COF Faculty Workforce Issues Task Force. He will solicit volunteers to serve on these committees electronically.

Adjournment
Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sauer
Secretary, Council of Faculties

Addendum
Suggested topics for Round Tables (Discussion at the Open Forum)
- Basic communications skills for different types of patients
Incorporating cultural competence across the curriculum

- Cultural competence of practitioner faculty
- Educating the diverse student population
- Issues/difficulties teaching students who speak English as a second language
- Small group dynamics – how to deal with students having academic difficulty in small groups, e.g., one student holding the group back, the “dead weight”
- Integrating courses with other health professions, especially when they don’t seem interested. How to generate cooperation for inter-professional education
- Professional service plans and clinical revenues
- Facilitating small group discussions