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The AACP Council of Deans Administrative Board Meeting was held in Washington, D.C. on February 4, 2007 and the Council of Deans Business Meeting was held on February 6, 2007. During the Administrative Board Meeting John Pieper, chair of the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee provided a report on the progress made by that Committee. Barbara Hayes (COD chair-elect) presented an overview of her strategic plans for the COD for the 2007-08 year. During the Business Meeting all committees and task forces gave reports during the COD Meeting. Significant progress has been made on all charges.

Following the appointment of Steve Leslie to the Provost’s position at the University of Texas, Vic Yanchick served the remainder of Steve’s term as immediate past chair of the COD according to the COD Standard Rules of Procedure. Additionally, Ted Matthews agreed to chair the Nominations Committee with Steve Leslie’s departure and Jeanette Roberts was added to the Committee.

As Dr. Maine, AACP’s Executive Vice President (EVP), approaches her fifth anniversary, the Board of Directors conducted a formal review to clearly establish its expectations for the role of the EVP, to share its perceptions of the EVP’s past performance, to lay the foundation for a joint discussion between the Board and the EVP about the goals for the years ahead, and to identify a plan for her continued professional development. The review process will also serve as a basis for discussion about the renewal of the EVP’s employment contract. In October 2006, President Marilyn Speedie appointed a committee to lead the evaluation of Dr. Maine. The 2006 Executive Vice President Review Committee (Committee) was co-chaired by AACP Board members Steven Leslie and Patricia Chase. Other members of the Committee included Robert Beardsley, Diane Beck, Barbara Wells and Gayle Brazeau. The final report has been submitted to the AACP Board of Directors.

Nominations Committee
Members of the Nominations Committee include Pam Joyner, Eric Jarvi, Jeanette Roberts and Ted Matthews (Chair). Ted has issued a call for individuals interested in running for the office of chair-elect of the COD. A report from the Committee will be given at the AACP Annual Meeting and the nominees will be introduced at the COD Business meeting. The winner will be sworn in as Chair-elect at the 2008 Annual Meeting and Chair at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Resolutions Committee
The members of the Committee include David Allen, Wally Murray and George Francisco (Chair). George has requested that COD members submit proposals for resolutions from Council members and committees and to formulate resolutions resulting from Council discussions. He will present them to the Council of Deans for action during its official business meeting.

Advocacy and Outreach
Members of the COD/COF Advocacy and Outreach Committee included: Cynthia Boyle, Brad Cannon, Robert Cisneros, Johnnie Early, Peter Hurd, Ken Roberts, and Victoria Roche (Chair). The Committee was charged to provide Will Lang with timely critiques of policy- or legislation-related documents arising from AACP or other health professions practice/education organizations as requested. Committee members respond with their own ideas and opinions, but also seek feedback on the documents from others on their faculty or within their University.

The Committee provided feedback to Will on the following legislative issues or documents:

- The American Public Health Association’s “Role of the Pharmacist in Public Health”
- Reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act, the State Children’s Health Insurance Program and health professions education programs under Title VII
- Cost and accountability in higher education
- Clarifying and strengthening the Medicare Part D benefit to address MTM provisions and federal drug price negotiation
- Strengthening FDA’s ability to assure the safety of drugs and medical devices
- NIH-AHRQ Comparative effectiveness programs
Continued funding of agencies that fund research important to Schools and Colleges of Pharmacy (NIH, CDC, SAMHSA, etc.)

Medicare price negotiation and controlling Medicare-related drug costs (specifically HR 4, which requires the HHS to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices)

AACP’s legislative agenda for the first session of the 110th Congress

Medication safety education and research initiatives within Schools and Colleges of Pharmacy

In March, 2007, the Committee crafted a formal recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the structure and function of the newly organized Standing Committee on Advocacy (approved by the House of Delegates at the 2006 Annual Meeting). Specifically, Advocacy Committee membership would be representative of organizational diversity, and one year appointments would be made by the AACP President in consultation with the Vice President for Policy and Advocacy. The Standing Committee’s proposed charges include:

- Provide a rapid response to pressing legislative issues when requested by the AACP Vice President for Policy and Advocacy
- Recommend the development of policy and/or provide advocacy-related advice to the AACP Board of Directors, both proactively and upon request
- Identify legislative/advocacy issues that warrant debate by a broader constituency, and bring at least one such item before the House of Delegates for discussion at the Annual Meeting. The discussion would be captured and summarized to inform the AACP Board of Directors and the general membership.
- As the Committee evolves, it should consider adding a charge for a scholarly review of an important legislative or advocacy issue that would shape the direction of AACP’s legislative agenda and/or the environment in which the Association conducts its legislative/advocacy work. The product of these scholarly deliberations would be presented to the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors as reports, which would subsequently be published in the Journal.

The Committee’s recommendation was subsequently approved by the AACP Board of Directors. Finally, the Committee generated a list of potential legislative issues of sufficient importance and urgency to bring before the House of Delegates. The issues range from pharmacists prescribing, reactions to economic threats and challenges, medication errors, stem cell research, meeting the IOM mandates for team-based, patient centered care, and enhancing faculty and student awareness of, and interest in, legislative advocacy.

COD/COF Task Force: AACP Task Force on Faculty Workforce

Members of the Task Force include: Robin Zavod, Dan Brazeau, Doug Boudinot, Ruth Nemire, Jennifer Williams, Raylene Ronsdon, Pat Davis, Bob Beardsley, Wayne Kradjan, Kathy Knapp, Jim Kehrer, and Gary Matzke (Chair). Brian Crabtree and Barbara Hayes are ex officio members as the COF/COD chairs-elect. Gary Matzke presented an interim report from the COD/COF Task Force at the 2007 Interim Meeting. Significant work has been accomplished by this Task Force and it is expected that the work of the Task Force will continue for many years. The comprehensive report of the Task Force is located on the AACP website under the COD.

Task Force: Costs/Benefits of Residencies

Members of this Task Force include: Charles Taylor, Cindy Stowe, Harold Godwin, Lamar Pritchard, John Pieper, Dick Gourley, Mary Lee and Arthur Nelson (Chair). The Task Force has completed a survey of the deans of the 91 full members of AACP regarding their engagement with residency education. Data from 67% of the schools and colleges was obtained. A report has been prepared and will be presented at the COD meeting. The report will provide a brief history of post graduate pharmacy education, the benefits and opportunities of a post graduate pharmacy program for schools and colleges of pharmacy, accreditation, current status with funding and operations, and potential methods to fund additional positions. The report will include these findings along with a set of recommendations for the AACP and the Council of Deans.

The Task Force conducted an environmental scan to determine the funding mechanisms that are currently used for residencies and it conducted a luncheon meeting during the 2007 Interim Meeting with Larry Kocot, Senior Advisor to the Administrator of CMS. The meeting was called to explore funding policies for PGY1 and PGY2 residencies.

Task Force: Strategies for Sharing Meetings/Information

Bill Riffee served as chair of this Task Force. Other members included: Ralph Altiere, Lisa Deziel-Evans, Stephanie Gardner, Stephen G. Hoag, and Evan Robinson. Dr. Judith Boettcher was asked to help the Task Force focus on various methods of collaboration and to present information on how AACP could improve member
Task Force: COD/COF ACPE Scholarship Metrics

The COD/COF ACPE Scholarship Metrics Task Force was formed in 2004-05 and charged to develop specific qualitative and quantitative indicators of faculty and institutional scholarship that can be used by colleges/schools of pharmacy to assist institutions in either initiating and/or improving individual scholarship and fostering an institutional culture of scholarship that can be used by the college/school for internal improvement activities and external assessment procedures.

A Task Force interim report was presented at the 2007 AACP Interim Meeting, and the final report was issued in March 2007. The Task Force focused on identifying general scholarship metrics that are important to all pharmacy schools. These include metrics for faculty scholarship, professional and graduate student scholarship, and institutional support of scholarship. The full report is available on the AACP website. Members of the Task Force included: Paul Jungnickel, Ron Maddox, Bob Mangione, Bill Smith, Bill Fassett, Julie Hixson-Wallace, Doug Reid, Cindy Stowe, and Bob Brueggemeier (Chair). Peter Vlasses represented ACPE and Ken Miller represented AACP.

Task Force: National Research Council (NRC)

This Task Force includes: Bill Millard, Sid Nelson, Svein Oie, Jordan Cohen, Pat Callery, Jeanette Roberts, Ken Audus and Bob Brueggemeier (Chair). The Task Force is charged with determining how to best position pharmacy graduate programs to be appropriately evaluated in the next round of Nation Research Council evaluation of graduate programs and to develop an evaluation program for graduate programs in all the pharmaceutical sciences for benchmarking purposes. The Task Force has not yet completed its work.

Task Force: The COD/COF Healthy Student Project

This joint COD/COF Task Force was charged to design a model “Healthy Student Program” to assist schools/colleges in teaching clinical prevention and population health to their students, by having them first understand their own personal health behaviors.

Members of the Task Force developed the following goals: 1) create a toolkit of successful practices that would help member schools develop curricula, identify key implementation issues, and provide action steps in this area and 2) offer a Special Session at the 2007 AACP Annual Meeting to share examples of successful programs where outcome expectations have been met. A call for successful practices was sent to members of the Curriculum SIG and six submissions will be presented at the Annual Meeting, including two programs offered at medical schools.

Toolkits have been developed. Each Toolkit document includes the following: a description of course/activity, a description of how the course/activity aligns with educational outcomes as defined in the Clinical Preventive – Services Health Promotion section of the Caring for the Underserved Document (based on the Clinical Prevention and Population Health Framework), special issues involving planning/promotion/implementation (including logistic and legal concerns), assessment and evaluation forms, a checklist of planning steps, references, and contact persons if more information is desired. The Special Session for the 2007 Annual Meeting is: “Students as Agents of Change: Active Learning Strategies That Promote Personal and Public Health.”

The Task Force recommended the future direction for their work should include examining the impact of these instructional methods on student engagement and success in conducting health promotion and disease prevention activities, both on clinical rotations and later in practice. Further, the Task Force encourages AACP to continue to assist schools and colleges in this area, by sharing resources, e.g., updating the Toolkit as more schools submit “successful practices” and providing additional meeting programming.

Members of the Task Force included: Marialice Bennett, Carrie Maffeo, Lillian Arce, Shawna Burning, Monina Lahoz, Steve Durst, Susan Meyers, Don Uden,
Annie Linn, Dennis McCallium and Nanci Murphy (Chair).

**The New Dean’s Manual**

The purpose of this project was to develop a workbook for new deans, assistant and associate deans. The workbook contains short overviews of key topics/issues that deans encounter. The workbook will be accessed via the AACP website. Each chapter will follow the same format and will contact suggestions for additional research by the reader. A Wiki format will be used to permit readers to add comments to the chapters.

The AACP Council of Dean’s (COD) 2006-07 officers served as reviewers for the chapters. Authors represent seasoned deans, retired deans and individuals who have completed the AACP Academic Leadership Fellows Program (ALFP). Authors of chapter in the New Dean’s Manual include: Jordan Cohen, Mary Ann Koda-Kimball, Wayne Anderson, Sid Nelson, John Colazzi, Dick Gourley, Dave Forbes, Max Ray, David Knapp, Annie Lin, Charles Taylor, Joe Steiner, Susan Miller, Ted Matthews, Suresh Madhavan, Phil Medon, Mark Luer, Gireesh Gupchup, Heidi Anderson, Dan Robinson, Maureen Donovan, Gayle Brazeau, Bev Schmoll, Larry Fannin, Bill Riffer, Mike Brodeur, Sudip Das, Seena Zieler-Brown, Daniel Brown, Bob McCarthy, Ralph Altiere, Julie Koehler, Bob Bryant, Ginger Scott, Joseph Ofoseu, John Pieper, Donald Goodwin, Barbara Wells, Alicia Bouldin, Virgil Van Duseen, Cindy Stowe, Stephanie Gardner, Mary Stamatakis, Donna Yanchick, Shelly Miller, Jim Chase, David Yanchick, Jeanette Roberts, Lucinda Maine and Alan Rosenbluth.

Pat Chase reported that all chapters have been received and edited. A consultant, Patti Manolakis of PMM Consulting, has been retained to assist in completing the final editing of the manual. The goal is to have the manual online in the fall 2007.

**Point/Counter Point at Interim Meeting**

A new feature of the Interim and Annual Meetings will be a lively debate by two COD members on the question: Is a Residency Required to Practice Patient Care?

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the excellent members of the COD who completed an extraordinary amount of work this year. It has been an honor to work with you all.