Chair Report of the Council of Deans

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I am pleased to have had the opportunity to serve the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) as Chair, Council of Deans for 2000-2001. The following is a summary of the Council’s activities during this time period as well as my actions as chair.

In April 2000, I attended the AACP staff and officers’ retreat that was held at the Xerox Document University near Leesburg, VA. There I learned more about AACP’s current and future plans and how the Council of Deans (COD) fits into the overall scope.

In October 2000, I attended the Board of Directors (BOD) meeting in Pentagon City, VA, and chaired the first meeting of the Ad Hoc AACP Executive Vice President Search Committee prior to the BOD meeting. Three primary functions of the first search committee meeting were to discuss the search process, review the duties of the executive vice president, discuss the skill set needed for the position, and interview potential search firms to work with AACP. As a follow-up to that meeting, time was spent communicating with AACP President Victoria Roche and committee members. The firm of Heidrick & Struggles was hired by AACP to help with the search.

I attended the BOD meeting that preceded the Interim Meeting in Washington DC this past February. At that meeting, I updated the BOD on the progress of the COD and the Ad Hoc Executive Vice President Search Committee. During the Interim Meeting, I chaired the COD’s business meeting.

Council of Deans Standing Committees

The following individuals agreed to serve the association by membership on COD standing committees, resolutions and nominations. Nominations: Dr. Jack Fincham (Kansas, chair), Dr. Judith Barr (Northeastern), Dr. Paul Jungnickel (Auburn), and Dr. Michael McKenzie (Florida). Resolutions: Dr. Patricia Chase (Butler, chair), Dr. Robert Day (California at San Francisco), Dr. Mary Lee (Midwestern), and Dr. Leroy Simmons (Florida A&M). Their reports were presented at the COD Business Meeting during the AACP Annual Meeting in Toronto.

Ad Hoc Committee: Faculty Recruitment, Retention and Development

In coordination with the Council of Faculties (COF), the efforts of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Recruitment, Retention and Development are being advanced. The committee was originally established by Dr. Jack Fincham (Past-chair, COD) and Dr. Robert Kerr (Past-chair, COF) with the joint committee’s work continuing into 2000-2001. The purpose of the joint committee is to determine and highlight where faculty shortages currently exist, or may occur in the near future, in academic pharmacy. With the number of vacancies on our respective faculties, the number of new colleges/schools that are being established, and the recruitment of faculty members by the pharmaceutical industry and practice areas, the issue of faculty shortages will increase in criticality in the future. Thereafter, this committee will address these issues with their colleagues in the COF and explore how AACP needs to be involved in recruitment, retention and development of faculty. Joint committee members from the COD include Dr. Michael Gerald (Connecticut, chair), Dr. Danny Lattin (South Dakota State), Dr. Chuck Peterson (North Dakota), Dr. JoLaine Draugalis (Arizona), and Dr. Ilia Oquendo (Puerto Rico).

Chair’s Column in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education

My three columns written during my year as Chair of the COD for the Journal addressed the following issues:

• need for mentors and role models in academia;
• role of AACP in the areas of faculty recruitment, retention and development and the need for an ad hoc committee to address these issues; and
• need for development programs for current and future deans and what role AACP should play.

In closing, I would like to thank Dr. Jack Fincham, Past-chair of the COD for his guidance. In addition it was a pleasure to work with the other members of the COD Administrative Board, Dr. Patricia Chase (Butler) and Dr. Joseph Dean (Samford). Lastly, my thanks to Dr. Ken Miller from the AACP staff who ably serves the COD as our staff liaison.