
1. Call to Order
Chair Bruce L. Currie (South Dakota State) convened the Council of Faculties (COF) Business Meeting at 8:35 AM in the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington DC. At that time he recognized Arlene Flynn who will assume the duties of AACP Staff Liaison to the COF later in Spring 2001.

2. Quorum Committee Report
David W. Henry (Kansas) recorded that there were 47 faculty from 36 colleges/schools of pharmacy in attendance. A quorum as defined by the standing rules is twenty-five (25) individual active members of this Council representing not less than fifteen (15) regular institutional members of the Association. The number required to constitute a quorum was exceeded.

3. Report of the Chair
Chair Currie reported on the following activities of the Council of Faculties.

Committees. The joint COF-Council of Deans (COD) Committee on the Recruitment and Retention of Faculty and the Strategic Planning Committee will submit their respective reports in July, 2001. Rod Carter (Shenandoah) is chairing the E-Education Task Force and will give a preliminary report later in this meeting.

4. Report of the Secretary
Gail Newton (Purdue) reported that the minutes of the 2001 COF Interim Meeting in Richmond, Virginia and the 2000 COF Annual Meeting in San Diego, California will be published in the Winter Supplement of the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education.

The minutes of the 2000 COF Annual Meeting in San Diego, California were previously distributed. Receipt of the minutes was recommended and approved.

5. Report on the Board of Director’s (BOD) Activities from the COF Immediate Past Chair
Chair Currie reported on behalf of Immediate Past Chair Buzz Kerr (Maryland) that the BOD discussed 32 agenda items at its most recent meeting and summarized the major points of discussion as follows.

Award Selections. The BOD approved the 2001 recipients of the Dawson, Volwiler, Lyman and Educator of the Year awards. The names of those individuals will be announced following notification of the recipients.

Affiliate Membership. The BOD adopted two resolutions to the AACP House of Delegates (HOD) to grant affiliate institutional membership to the Nevada College of Pharmacy and to Palm Beach Atlantic College of Pharmacy.

Electronic Based Instructional Resources Special Interest Group (EBIR SIG) Report. This report, requested by the BOD in order to better understand the groups funding request, indicated that the SIG now has a strategic plan and intends to move its electronic instructional resources to the AACP website in order to increase access.

Annual Meeting Theme. The theme for the 2001 Annual Meeting is E-Education. Members in attendance were asked to instruct their respective Section members to forward any programming ideas to Tim Stratton.

American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) Report. Robert M. Bachman, President of AFPE, reported that applications were down for a number of Foundation awards. Members in attendance were asked to instruct their respective Section members to encourage their students to apply for these awards.

American Dental Education Association Presentation (ADEA). The BOD met with Richard W. Valachovic, DDS, executive director of ADEA. ADEA encompasses all constituencies within dental education. Dr. Valachovic described how his organization evolved from the American Association of Dental Schools to its current structure. The BOD then discussed the possibility of similarly restructuring AACP to include other constituents, such as non-academic continuing education providers, pharmacy technician educators, students, volunteer faculty and preceptors, residency and fellowship educators and industry and corporate executives.

Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity Report. reviewed a staff analysis of the recommendations contained within the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity. The BOD suggested a theme for the 2002 Interim Meeting focusing diversity, affirmative action and cultural competence to the staff.

Legislative Agenda. The BOD approved a legislative agenda for 2001 that is primarily focused on helping colleges and schools of pharmacy address the shortage of pharmacists. The agenda focuses on four main areas for increasing the supply of pharmacists. These are recruitment and retention of faculty, updating and expanding the physical plant of colleges and schools of pharmacy, increasing the number of individuals applying to colleges and schools of pharmacy, and improving policy makers’ understanding of pharmaceutical education and the capabilities of its graduates.

Student Involvement in AACP. The BOD discussed issues concerning AACP’s relationship with students and the recruitment of faculty. A number of existing strategies were reviewed and new ones were outlined and discussed, including career programming for students at professional meetings, establishment of relations with existing student organizations, COD/COF programming on how to interest students in academia, more programming for graduate students at the Annual Meeting, and increased applications to AACP and AFPE-sponsored research programs.

National Center for Academic Health Professions Leadership. Staff briefed the BOD on the status of the National Center for Academic Health Professions Leadership, which involves several organizations of schools of the health professions. The BOD instructed staff to proceed to develop plans for an AACP-sponsored leadership program for new deans if the National Center is not functional within a reasonable time frame.

Pharmaceutical Sciences Consortium. Staff briefed the BOD on the

evolution of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Consortium, which is currently being developed by AACP, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, American Pharmaceutical Association and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The Consortium plans to submit a proposal to fund a symposium to identify research issues that address the role of pharmacists and pharmacy systems to improve patient safety and drug therapy outcomes.

**Executive Vice President Search Committee Report.** Executive Vice President Dick Penna will retire on July 30, 2002. The Search Committee reported that the search process has begun and that the position announcement will be advertised beginning in April, 2001. The Committee also indicated that a suitable candidate should be identified by March 2002.

**American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) Strategic Plan.** Peter Vlasses, Executive Director of ACPE, initiated a strategic planning process and shared a draft plan with Staff and the BOD, among others. Staff and the BOD then provided a response seeking clarification of key issues and A revised draft is anticipated around June, 2001.

**Conference on the Future of Pharmacy Education.** Dick Penna and Sue Meyer recently visited the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation: an endowed philanthropy that supports programs designed to improve the education of health professionals. At that time, the Foundation committed to fund a Macy Conference on the Future of Pharmacy Education. It has been 10 years since the Commission to Implement Change studied this topic. A conference planning committee will be appointed and between 30 and 40 individuals will be invited to participate in the proceedings. The results of the conference will then be published and will set the stage for a new Association agenda.

**National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)/American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) Collaborative Project.** APhA announced the launch, in collaboration with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), of a major new Web site for pharmacists. The Web site will be dedicated to providing pharmacists access to resources for continuous professional and career development. The name and a prototype of the site will be unveiled at the NABP Annual Meeting, May 5-9 in Seattle.

**New Management Information System Sought by Staff.** The AACP Staff is trying to identify vendors to develop a management information system to increase the efficiency of day-to-day operations. Hardware/software vendors will provide demonstrations for Staff in March, 2001.

**Centralized Application Service.** A grant was recently obtained from Pfizer to fund regional training session on the use of PharmCAS.

**Committee Updates**

**Nominating Committee.** Buzz Kerr will chair the Nominating Committee. However, he was unable to attend this meeting. Thus, there was no report.

**E-Education Task Force.** This task force is comprised of nine individuals and is being chaired by Rod Carter (Shenandoah). The items being addressed by the task force are based in part on the issues raised during a brainstorming activity during the COF Business Meeting in San Diego, CA. The group has prioritized these items and added to others to this list. These items are being studied to identify policy issues and ideas for future programming. They fall into three general categories as follows: (i) Preparation of Faculty for E-Education, (ii) Assessment of E-Education, and (iii) Scholarly Recognition of Faculty who Become Involved in E-Education.

**Old Business**
No old business was discussed.

**New Business**
No new business was discussed.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.