Bylaws and Policy Development Committee
(Reflecting actions taken by the HOD on July 15, 2015)

Introduction

The AACP Bylaws direct the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee (BPDC) to ensure that resolutions, position papers, and similar proposals to the House of Delegates that seek to establish Association policy or action are appropriate and ready for consideration by the House. The Committee is also charged with responsibility for receiving suggestions for alteration of the Association's Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, preparing appropriate amendments in suitable wording that is consistent with the current Bylaws, and for presenting such proposals, together with the Committee's recommendations, to the House of Delegates for consideration.

This report contains eight adopted or referred statements of policy from AACP standing/special committees and the AACP Global Pharmacy Education Special Interest Group, an adopted resolution from the AACP Board of Directors, and an adopted amendment to the AACP Bylaws from the Special Committee on Admissions.

A. MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTIONS

Two new schools were admitted into AACP membership on Sunday, July 12th. They are Chapman University and The University of Texas at Tyler.

B. ADOPTED POLICY STATEMENTS

The AACP House of Delegates adopted the following statements:

Policy Statement 1: AACP supports the use of holistic review admissions processes for pharmacy education to provide a diverse learning environment and health workforce to advance health equity. (Source: 2014-15 Special Committee on Admissions)

Policy Statement 2: AACP supports the creation of a national vision emphasizing the value of pharmacy education and colleges and schools of pharmacy to various stakeholders including patients and communities. (Source: 2014-15 Professional Affairs Committee)

Policy Statement 3: AACP encourages the development of strategic partnerships to accelerate access to value-based experiential education, especially within emerging health care settings. (Source: 2014-15 Professional Affairs Committee)

Policy Statement 4: Administrators, faculty members, preceptors and student pharmacists at all colleges and schools of pharmacy share responsibility for stimulating change in pharmacy practice consistent with the JCPP Vision for Pharmacy Practice and the Pharmacists’ Patient Care Process. (Source: 2014-15 Professional Affairs Committee)

Policy Statement 5: AACP supports ongoing mechanisms and collaborations that define the “Practice Readiness” of pharmacy school graduates and influence internal and external stakeholders. (Source: 2014-15 Professional Affairs Committee)
Policy Statement 6: AACP supports, in conjunction with ACPE, the development, implementation, and evaluation of global health and international pharmacy education within the didactic and experiential curriculum for U.S. PharmD students. (Source: 2014-15 Global Pharmacy Education Special Interest Group)

Policy Statement 7: AACP supports and recognizes the importance of adequately prepared preceptors, including non-pharmacists and non-US-based preceptors, for global health and international APPEs and training programs. (Source: 2014-15 Global Pharmacy Education Special Interest Group)

Policy Statement 8: The BPDC has referred this proposed policy statement back to the Global Pharmacy Education SIG.

C. ADOPTED RESOLUTION

The AACP House of Delegates adopted the following resolution:

Resolution #1 (Source: AACP Board of Directors)

RESOLVED: To affirm that graduates have attained competence as entry-level practitioners, AACP should lead a collaborative effort producing agreement on an evidence-based set of assessments mapped to the current CAPE Educational Outcomes.

D. ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO AACP BYLAWS

The AACP House of Delegates adopted the following amendment to the AACP Bylaws:

AACP Bylaws Amendment #1 (Source: 2014-15 Special Committee on Admissions)

Article 12, Section 1(one) I. Student Affairs Committee. The Student Affairs Committee may consist of seven members. The Committee shall be concerned with issues regarding admissions, recruitment and student affairs related policies and practices and will assist with the development of the Association’s relevant research agenda.

Thank you to the AACP Bylaws and Policy Development Committee:

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