

Mission Statement

Teachers of Pharmaceutics Section (TOPS)

The mission of the Teachers of Pharmaceutics Section is to enhance the delivery of pharmaceutical care by providing a forum for exchange of information and expertise that supports the discovery and promotes understanding of the unique body of knowledge known as pharmaceutics.

Strategic goals in order of priority are:

1) To provide the membership with the requisite information, skills and techniques that will enable these individuals to effectively educate pharmacy students, graduate students and pharmacy practitioners in those areas of pharmaceutics that will enhance their professional performance. (Very high priority; requires immediate implementation)

Implementation plan:

- a. Continue to provide educational seminars and meetings at the annual meeting of the AACP
- b. Seek to initiate seminars and meetings at the AAPS meetings to focus on providing information to our members and potential members that will achieve this goal.
- c. Seek to initiate seminars and meetings for faculty attending local graduate student meetings to achieve this goal.
- d. Encourage more publications from members of TOPS in the area of educational effectiveness in pharmaceutics.
- e. Seek to initiate a bulletin board on the internet to provide information to enhance educational effectiveness in pharmaceutics.

2) To identify those basic and evolving areas of pharmaceutics that impact on the provision of pharmaceutical care in each of the many pharmacy practice settings, so that our members can optimize their contributions to the effective teaching of pharmacy students and practitioners. (High priority, requires immediate implementation)

Implementation plan:

- a. Charge a committee with compiling an annual report on evolving areas of Pharmaceutics.
- b. Present the report at the annual AACP and other meetings and distribute it to the membership.
- c. The programming committee for the annual AACP meeting will consider the information contained in the report when deciding on topics to be presented at the meeting.

3) To provide members with the information, networking and strategies to build and maintain successful research programs. (High priority; requires immediate implementation)

Implementation plan:

- a. Write articles in the TOPS Newsletter about resources on the internet and elsewhere that point to potential funding sources and opportunities.
- b. Provide an opportunity at the annual AACP meeting for networking to encourage collaborations among members.

4) To identify collaborations and exchanges of information with our colleagues in areas such as pharmacy practice, pharmacy health care administration, medicinal chemistry and pharmacology which could enhance the research and teaching of areas of pharmaceutics and the other pharmaceutical sciences. (Lower priority; requires intermediate-term implementation)

Implementation plan:

- a. Continue and enhance interdisciplinary programming at the annual AACP meeting.

5) To provide programs designed to recruit and retain the most highly qualified teaching/research pharmaceuticals faculty in schools and colleges of pharmacy. (High priority; requires long-term implementation)

Implementation plan:

- a. Provide a mentoring system for new faculty.
- b. Provide guidance to those new faculty who are submitting AACP NIP proposals
- c. Compile a list of speakers willing to address students about academic careers in pharmaceuticals.