

AACP Teachers of Pharmaceutics Section Meeting
07/19/09

- Meeting was called to order by Nita Pandit (Drake), Chair.
- Quorum was ascertained (35 members in attendance).
- Minutes from 2008 were approved unanimously.
- Dr. Pandit presented the Chair's report:
 - 25/29 pharmaceutics abstracts approved of those submitted.
 - New Investigator's Program was discontinued in 2008/9 due to lack of funds. Members are attempting to reinstate program for 2009/10. Interested members should contact Sudip Das for more information or to participate in this effort.
 - Nominations for Chair-elect 2010/11 were solicited.
 - A strategic plan for TOPS will be developed by the Strategic Planning Committee. Committee is composed of Nita Pandit, Bill Bowman, and Cary Mobley. Three additional volunteers were solicited. Committee will look at developing current bylaws, policies, as well as strategic plan.
 - Members were asked to submit a business card with their interests in committees on the back of the card.
 - Pharmacy compounding status in colleges of pharmacy is an initiative that all sections will focus on this year. A taskforce is being compiled of pharmaceutics, experiential, and practice faculty to examine the role of pharmacy compounding in colleges of pharmacy as well as the possibilities of certification and regulation. Volunteers for the taskforce were solicited.
- New officers were installed by Sudip Das (Butler):
 - Sunil Jambhekar (LECOM), Secretary
 - Nita Pandit (Drake), Immediate Past-Chair
 - Bill Bowman (MWU-Glendale), Chair
 - Cary Mobley (UF), Chair-Elect
- Immediate Past-Chair, Nita Pandit, was recognized by Chair, Bill Bowman.
- Bill Bowman presented Chair's plan for 2010/11
 - An overview of the pharmaceutics section programming was presented and members were encouraged to attend the programming on pharmacy compounding and pharmacogenomics.
 - Standing committees were reviewed and volunteers were solicited for each committee:
 - Programming committee
 - Nominations committee
 - Resolutions committee
 - Abstract reviewers
 - Nominations for incoming Chair-Elect were solicited from the floor. No nominations were presented; information will be sent to members via the listserv.
 - Goals for strategic planning were listed: review bylaws, develop resolution from taskforce on pharmacy compounding, develop curricula resource for faculty, and examine ways to increase member participation in TOPS by pharmaceutics faculty.
 - Importance of input from members in strategic planning was emphasized.
- Dr. Wu-Pong (VCU) suggested that TOPS should have a meeting at AAPS, since a larger number of pharmaceutics faculty attend AAPS instead of AACP. Dr. Pandit (Drake) explained that historically a meeting was held at AAPS for Pharmaceutics Chairs which previously had good attendance but attendance has decreased tremendously over time. AAPS/AACP is considering renaming this meeting to increase participation.

- The importance of this session at AAPS was emphasized from the floor.
- Another idea to increase participation of pharmaceuticals faculty at AACP was to present more valuable programming so that faculty would attend in order to participate in the programming options (Dr. Pandit, Drake)
- Dr. Brazeau (UB) suggested that pharmaceuticals faculty should consider participating in the ALFP program. Benefits of ALFP were described.
- The timing of the TOPS business meeting may be changed to see if changing the time would increase participation.
- Dr. White (UGA) suggested that regional meeting of TOPS may increase participation by pharmaceuticals faculty.
- Dr. Mobley (UF), Chair-Elect, introduced himself and stated that his focus for programming for next year is the role of pharmaceutical sciences in the development of critical reasoning skills for practitioners. Another area of focus is the development of a core curriculum for pharmaceuticals and online textbook to continue efforts by Dr. Das in collecting pharmaceuticals course syllabi. Other programming ideas were solicited.
- *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching* is accepting manuscripts and is interested in qualitative research as well as quantitative educational research. Interested parties should contact Karen Nagel (MWU) or Eric Mack (Loma Linda). *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching* is looking for concepts in teaching, is an Elsevier Publication, and is peer-reviewed.
- The importance of attracting students to graduate education in pharmaceuticals and attracting graduate students to academia was emphasized from the floor (Dr. Dash, Creighton). Ideas included:
 - increasing participation of pharmaceuticals graduate students in the Wal-Mart Scholars program,
 - programming at the AAPS meeting to introduce pharmaceuticals graduate students to career opportunities in academia,
 - participation of pharmaceuticals graduate programs at professional student career fairs,
 - opening teaching certificate programs to pharmaceuticals graduate students and not just professional students or pharmacy residents,
 - partnership of TOPS with APhA or AACP in efforts to promote career opportunities in academia and develop teaching skills to not only future pharmacy practice faculty but also future pharmaceuticals faculty,
 - presence of TOPS at GRASP meetings and provision of teaching skills development opportunities at student chapter meetings,
 - encouraging professional student research in pharmaceuticals (members interested in learning more were encouraged to attend Dr. Brazeau's session on Tuesday on this topic),
- SADS section is compiling a taskforce in training non-pharmacy background faculty about the business of pharmacy. Volunteers were solicited from TOPS members.

TOPS Members in Attendance:

Eman	Atef	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Christine	Birnie	St. John Fisher College
Bill	Bowman	Midwestern University, Glendale
Gayle	Brazeau	University at Buffalo
Lane	Brunner	Regis University
Rasma	Cherson	St. Louis College of Pharmacy
Clinton	Chichester	Univeristy of Rhode Island
Shan	Chikkale	Jefferson School of Pharmacy
David	Cleary	Sullivan University
Thomas	Cook	Touro College, New York
Adnan	Dakkuri	Ferris State University
Sudip	Das	Butler University
Alekha	Dash	Creighton University
Gerard	D'Souza	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Laura	Fox	Presbyterian College
Kim	Hancock	Ferris State University
Sunil	Jambkehar	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Robert	Kidd	Shenandoah University
Eric	Mack	Loma Linda University
Lwandiko	Masinde	Chicago State University
Richard	Maskiewicz	Loma Linda University
Stacey	May	AAPS
Cary	Mobley	University of Florida
Karen	Nagel	Midwestern University, Downers Grove
Dave	Newton	Shenandoah University
Nita	Pandit	Drake University
Catherine	White	University of Georgia
Susanna	Wu-Pong	Virginia Commonwealth University
Fang	Zhao	St. John Fisher College