

# COUNCIL OF DEANS TASK FORCE ON ACHIEVING INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE

*American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy*

**Issue:** Schools and colleges of pharmacy are all facing multiple challenges. Among these are financial, accreditation, recruiting and retention of faculty, and programmatic assessment, etc. It doesn't matter if you are a new or an established program; the challenges are similar. There are unique advantages and disadvantages in each type of school (new vs. established), but all must meet the same accreditation standards.

**Purpose:** To examine methods to assist AACP member schools in achieving institutional excellence.

**Charges:** 1) Prioritize the needs of both established and new programs from an organizational perspective and make recommendations regarding programs and services to assist schools in achieving institutional excellence. 2) Explore the development of lists of experts/mentors in the academy who would be willing to assist schools in challenging areas (Programmatic assessment, accreditation, governance, leadership, strategic planning, etc.). 3) Develop a proposal to request that AACP explore developing an AACRAO type service to assist member schools. 4) Work with AACP to develop a website that can be used by schools to share best practices, documents, innovations, ideas, etc.

**Task Force Activities:** During the fall 2009, the Task Force convened via teleconference. The Task Force completed the following:

TASK #:	ACTION PERFORMED/RECOMMENDATION:
1. Survey members on their key areas that they would like assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‣ Discussed the need to determine target areas of concern to COD members.</li> <li>‣ Conduct a poll of COD members in July at the Annual Meeting with a follow up email to members who do not attend.</li> </ul>
2. Investigate AACRAO and make a recommendation to AACP to investigate a similar type-consulting arm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‣ Phone call conducted in November 2009 with Lucinda Maine, Buzz Kerr, and Bob Bontrager (Director of AACRAO Consulting). Meeting was very positive with excellent ideas on developing a similar program for AACP. Propose recommending additional in depth analysis study by AACP BOD. The analysis should include, but not be limited to elements such as cost: benefit, program roll out, quality assurance, program administration and oversight, selection of consultants, etc.</li> </ul>
3. Develop "Noteworthy Practice web site."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‣ In discussion with ACPE and Lucinda Maine we learned that ACPE has been sending AACP a list of noteworthy practice ideas that they find during accreditation visits. The goal was to post these practices on the AACP website to share with members. As of June 2010 only 9 have been posted. AACP is strongly encouraged to make all of these available to all members in a timely manner. Additionally, the ones that have been posted are difficult to find on the website. They can be found at the website listed below.</li> </ul>
4. Make recommendations for programs at AACP meetings to meet the needs of COD members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‣ The Task Force discussed AACP Roundtables and felt that they do not meet members' needs. The Task Force recommends AACP investigate other strategies such as "Ten Minute Brilliant Ideas" where presenters would give a brief overview of new/innovative ideas and special sessions for CEO Deans.</li> </ul>

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**Noteworthy Idea website:**

<http://www.aacp.org/resources/education/peas/tools/ProductForms/ProductGivenKeyword.aspx?AspXPage=g%5FD4833A6CFOC14E29BF69E4AA5082ECF4:%2540Keywords%3DOther>