ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University remains $60 million less than in FY11 and “continues to adjust our spending to reflect this reality.

Research Development Fund
In light of the current budget realities, the University support of the research development fund in FY13 will be at 95% of the fully-funded level. We will meet in September to discuss how best to adjust the allocation formula to reflect this lower level of funding. In the meantime, 85% of the deans’ share of the research development fund that was withheld this past fall will be made available.

Voluntary Early Retirement Program (VERP): We will have 30% of the salary and fringe benefit dollars that supported those people who took the voluntary early retirement. Through a circuitous path, we will have the opportunity to obtain nearly full support for the alumni coordinator position vacated by Laraine.

Construction Salk Pavilion, 402
Hoping to see steel by October; no projection for the completion or move-in date.

402: Design is underway. Complicated process—Labor and Industry approvals, bids, planning, construction, ordering furniture.

The ideas generated by faculty and students form the basis for the architectural plan, which will differ from the old 402.

Please refer to the August 2012 New & Noteworthy for details:
http://wikis.pharmacy.pitt.edu/groups/FYII/weblog/9eccf/New__Noteworthy_August_2012.html

LONG RANGE PLAN 2012-2018 – The Long Range Plan for 2018 has been submitted. Anyone interested in participating in a specific outcome area is encouraged to contact Dean Kroboth.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Dr. Smith announced the requirement to complete the new COI by Friday, August 24th. The information was just received today by Dr. Levine directly via email and is a requirement, not an option. The site address: www.citi.pitt.edu Direct questions to Dr. Smith.

COMMUNICATIONS

THE “SHAPE” WEB SITE AND FACULTY – Jan Shaw shared the web site with the faculty and reviewed the features available and encouraged everyone to visit the site and add captions and stories.
http://change.pharmacy.pitt.edu/

FACULTY

NEW FACULTY – JIM COONS, SHIPA SANT, AND VINAYAK SANT - Each faculty member introduced themselves briefly to everyone offering information on their education and experience. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the “Meet & Greet” session scheduled for Friday, August 24th. Please refer to the August 2012 New & Noteworthy for details of the event and a brief bio on each faculty member:
http://wikis.pharmacy.pitt.edu/groups/FYII/weblog/9eccf/New__Noteworthy_August_2012.html
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS

- 2 new faculty have joined the department, Jim Coons and Irene Gathuru
- The Department is recruiting for a lung transplant position.

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

- 2 new faculty have joined the department, Shipa Sant and Vinayak Sant
- Paul Johnston relocated from BST3 to the 10th floor of Salk Hall
- The Department is actively recruiting for a pharmacogenomics/pharmacogenetics position.

ACADEMIC YEAR KICK OFF

PHARM.D PROGRAM

- Kellie Mitchell announced that Course Support Guidelines will be distributed via email to all faculty this week. Questions or comments should be directed to her directly.

- Dr. Meyer shared the site of the new student portal that was developed by students and Tom Waters over the summer.

- PharmD Program Committee Chairs have been identified:
  - Academic Performance: Scott Drab
  - Admissions: Sharon Connor
  - Curriculum: Beth Minnigh
  - Curricular Assessment: Karen Pater
  - Code of Conduct: Christine Ruby

- Dr. Meyer shared the required BlackBoard Posting Guidelines:
  - Class is Mon, Tue, Wed: Material must be posted by Noon on Friday before
  - Class is Thu, Fri: Material must be posted by Noon on Tuesday before

Dr. Kroboth restated the importance of being compliant with the guidelines.

- Student IT Assistants that are available to assist with technology issues in the classrooms:
  - P1 – 2 TBD
  - P2 – Jon Faix, Amander Jaber, Andrew Nguyen
  - P3 – Ravi Patel, Kim McMahon

- There is a preview of 1400 Posvar Hall on Friday, August 24 from 1:30-2pm. CIDDE will provide IT support as needed in the classroom.

- The Health Sciences Library is checking into the use of Access Pharmacy for the school.

- Everyone is encouraged to review the Policies & Procedures posted on the school’s intranet site http://wikis.pharmacy.pitt.edu/groups/pnp/. The Code of Conduct and Guidelines to Academic Integrity apply to all faculty and students.

- Based on feedback from the students, one course in each professional year will be video taped and the lectures made available to the students via BlackBoard.
  - P1 – Biochemistry
  - P2 – Drug Development
  - P3 – Immunology

- FYI – we are halfway through our accreditation – in about three years from now we will be in the process of reaccreditation!
GRADUATE PROGRAM  
MAGGIE FOLAN

• 68 graduate students (significant growth over the last 4 years)
• 25 faculty mentors
• The new non-thesis Master’s program had 73 applicants, 15 were accepted and 14 enrolled. (1 had a visa issue.)

RESIDENCY CLASS 2013  
HEATHER JOHNSON

• 38 residents this year
• 26 first year residents in 11 programs
• 12 second year residents in 11 programs
• residents represent 12 states from 24 different schools of pharmacy
• 4 new programs:
  o Medication Safety directed by Sandy Kane Gill
  o Geriatrics directed by Christine Ruby
  o UPMC Passavant
  o UPMC McKeesport

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES  
PDKROBOTH

Dr. Kroboth announced the opportunity to collaborate with several international schools. Please review to the August 2012 New & Noteworthy for details regarding the visit to China.

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ADJOURN – Meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm