School of Pharmacy
Faculty Meeting
April 27, 2012
Meeting Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

INCREdiBLE SEMEsTER – Dean Kroboth started the meeting by thanking the faculty for everything they do and have done as this has been an incredible semester.

GOVernor CORBETT’S ANNOUNCEMENT – The budget has been a concern for some time since the Governors announcement regarding the potential for cuts in funding. Our budget has primarily been 1/3 “hard” monies, 1/3 from UPMC and 1/3 from NIH funding. Our NIH monies were always stable despite individual changes of support. Our tuition monies seemed consistent with us receiving approximately 65% but this has been reduced to 40% with the potential of a greater reduction. We need to be aware that each source of funding is changing. Our current condition is good and with potential growth, we will be able to weather the financial storms.

BOMB THREATS - A sincere thank you to everyone as a school and university for their efforts through all of the bomb threats. It has been a challenge for all. Some have been very resilient and we have emerged as a school and university much stronger.

MIDDLE STATES ACCREDiTATiON – The University hosted the Middle States Accreditation Team this month, through the disruptions of the bomb threats without incident.

CONSTRUCTION – The development of the foundation for Salk Pavilion and the Commons is underway. The semester ended with no disruption in Room 402. It is anticipated that we will see steel frames in October.

LONG RANGE PLAN 2018 – The Long Range Planning has started and many are involved either as a member of the Steering Committee or as part of a Sub-Group. Everyone is encouraged to attend the next FYII on May 10th.

EDUCATiON

CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES
Michael Shullo made a motion that we to approve for graduation from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy those who have completed the requirement for the degrees of Bachelor of Science, PharmD, Master of Science. Kerry Empey seconded the motion. The vote by all faculty present was unanimous in favor of the motion.

RESEARCH

UPDATE

• Collaboration developed with Bristol-Meyers Squibb
• The possibility of an initiative in genetics has led Phil Empey, Sue Skledar, and Tara Pummer to partner with GI and Cardiology and develop a proposal and submit to LIFE Technologies. Initial review provided positive feedback. No formal decision just yet, but very promising.
• A slide was presented showing the grant dollars and faculty involved from both departments from April 1-April 30 of this year. The numbers are quite comparable:
  o Pharm Sciences has 17 faculty members securing grants totaling $2,964,213
  o Pharm & Therapeutics has 13 faculty securing grants totaling $2,374,046.
• The activities and funding over the past year truly represent a testament to everyone’s hard work.
PROGRAMS AND PROGRESS

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES                BARRY GOLD
• Jan Beumer received an NIH grant
• Venkat is a Co-PI on a T32 NIH grant
• A new center has been established, the Center for Computational Chemical Genomics Screening (CCGS), run by Sean Xie.
• A large number of faculty have been nominated for national and international awards.
• Wen Xie has been named the Director for the Center of Pharmacogenetics.
• The Department is actively recruiting. They have had 9 candidates visit and several offers are out.
• Shilpa Sant from Harvard has accepted and will start in August.

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS               AMY SEYBERT
• 3 faculty have been promoted to associate professors: Mike Shullo, Scott Drab and Deanne Hall.
• The Department is recruiting for a cardiology position. There are 3 candidates scheduled to visit in May. Everyone is encouraged to attend the seminars if possible.
• 1 fellowship position available with the VA Women’s Health Partnership
• 1 residency position open as a PGY2 critical care resident.
• Harold Godwin will be here as part of the ASHP Visiting Leaders Program May 24-25
• Terry Seaton will be here as a key-note speaker at the residency banquet, June 21

GRADUATE PROGRAM                                         MAGGIE FOLAN
• AAPS Alumni Career Event going on today, stop-by if possible.
• We currently have 52 graduate students.
• 233 applications were received this year and all were reviewed.
• 25 US citizens
• Average GRE score of 752 – 25% had perfect GRE scores
• 27 interviews were conducted – 14 onsite and 13 over the phone.
• 17 students accepted – of those 5 are US citizens
• 80 of the >200 applicants not accepted expressed interest in the non-thesis Masters
• We have 4 tracks with the following admissions:
  o Pharmacology – 1 MS, 1 PhD
  o Pharmaceutics – 1 MS
  o Med Chem – 3 PhD
  o CPS – 1 MS, 2 PhD (1 is a PharmD)
  o Non-thesis Masters – 8 (we are hopeful to have 10 more non-thesis MS)

RESIDENCY PROGRAM                                         HEATHER JOHNSON
• 40 residents will graduate this year.
• Over 90 applicants for the residency programs
• 37 accepted for 1st year, and 1 accepted for 2nd year program
• New program in Medication Safety directed by Sandy Kane Gill
• New program in Geriatrics directed by Christine Ruby
• This shows significant growth over the past 10 years.

PHARM.D ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE                           KIM COLEY
• Kim Coley thanked everyone on the committee and all that participated with interviewing.
• 291 applications were received and reviewed by the committee (19 per member)
• 100 applications from Pitt students and 191 Non-Pitt
• 107 enrolled (deposited)
• 55 conditional; 52 open enrollment
• 69 female students (64%)
• 2 minorities
• 79 PA residents
• 25 prior degree
• Average GPA 3.7; average Science GPA 3.5; and average PCAT 79%
• Outside Institutions:
  o 5 located in PA: CCAC, Grove City, Penn State, Shippensburg, Wilkes
  o 9 outside PA: Cleveland State, College of Wooster, Florida Atlantic, George Washington, NYU, UT-Austin, UC-Irvine, UNC-Charlotte, Towson University

ADJOURN – Meeting was adjourned at 11:05am