

APPD Faculty Development Task Force Meeting

Hilton Hawaiian Hotel, Honolulu, HI, May 1, 2008

Surendra Varma from Texas Tech convened the meeting of the APPD Task Force on Faculty Development at 9:30 AM. The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Faculty Development Workshop: This year the Faculty Development Task Force sponsored a workshop on academic portfolios put on by Fred McCurdy and Clifton Yu along with Rashmi Srivastana from COMSEP. There were over 50 pre-registered participants. Although the workshop occurred the day after the Task Force Meeting, it was indeed well received and attended. The idea of repeating a pre-conference workshop similar to what Fred put on last year was brought up with discussion about possibly doing one in Baltimore, although there were some concerns about space limitations. A potential topic that was listed by Surendra was Prospective Management of Program Directors' Careers which Fred has done before at COMSEP and at the AAMC GEA. Additionally, the idea of creating a series of faculty development workshops at APPD leading to some type of certification similar to the AAMC MERC program was again brought up, with a variety of potential topics discussed.

2. Pediatric Simulation: Greg Blaschke and Joe Lopreiato discussed some of the considerations around setting up a simulation curriculum and a simulation center. Emphasis was placed on understanding that simulation encompasses not just mannequins, but in fact four domains: standardized patients, task trainers, computer based simulation, and mannequins. The first thing to do, they cautioned, is to perform some kind of a needs assessment within your program, and then based on that needs assessment lobby for the resources that are uniquely needed by your program as opposed to just buying the things that look interesting. For any specific concerns about how to go about starting a simulation curriculum and/or a simulation center, Joe offered his contact at jlopreiato@simcen.usuhs.mil

3. Update on Special Projects Grant Process: Cliff Yu reported that there were 24 special projects submitted for review this year. Out of those 24, 8 were invited to present a full submission. Although this year the total funding amount was slightly down at \$40,000 due to decreased registration revenue with the meeting in Hawaii, a total of 4 project proposals were selected for full funding. A note of interest for the Faculty Development Task Force is that none of the submissions were focused primarily on faculty development.

4. Mentoring Program: There was general consensus that the mentoring program seemed to be going well, although some felt that it could benefit from more structure. The issue of surveying the mentees about their overall satisfaction with the process also was brought up, as well as initiation of the program for fellowship directors.

5. Report from COMSEP: Julie Byerley from the COMSEP Faculty Development Task Force provided an overview of their activities and in particular the small groups that are currently working on projects within the task force. Commonalities with APPD were discussed as well as areas for sharing of resources and ideas, particularly in regard to our first ever joint meeting in Baltimore next year where our Task Force meetings will be held jointly. Other areas of

discussion included faculty development of community faculty, combined workshops between APPD and COMSEP, as well as “shared” faculty development time between the two organizations.

The Task Force Meeting was concluded at 11:30 AM.

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