

APPD Faculty Development Task Force Meeting

Sheraton Hotel Toronto, May 3, 2007

Surendra Varma from Texas Tech convened the meeting of the APPD Task Force on Faculty Development at 5 PM. The following issues were discussed:

1. The first ever APPD pre-conference workshop was held prior to this meeting. The speaker was Dr. Fred McCurdy from Texas Tech. He presented two excellent workshops on professional development: Getting to Know You: Career Planning Basics; and Principled Bargaining: The Ways and Means for Effective Mediation, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution. The session was well attended and we hope to continue this professional development series next year.
2. A mentoring program that matches experienced PD's with new PD's and Associate PD's was implemented and is now operational. Mentors are expected to make contacts during this meeting and then stay in touch throughout the year as needed or desired.
3. Faculty Development for Community Faculty – Tara Williams from MetroHealth Medical Center presented their program for local faculty development entitled “Mini Faculty Development Series” that was incorporated into their monthly faculty meetings. Tara has developed a faculty development needs assessment survey and a seminar feedback form. Further information is available from Tara at twilliams2@metrohealth.org
4. Reports from COMSEP members - Recently, Task Force members from APPD and COMSEP (Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics) have attended each other's meetings in order to see how the two groups can work together across the continuum of medical education. COMSEP members at APPD gave their summaries of what they have seen and heard. We hope to collaborate on projects in the future.
5. Educator's Portfolio – One example of a collaborative project was discussed which would involve the development of a joint COMSEP-APPD Educator's Portfolio to be used as a file system to store one's best educational work and to be used for academic promotion. Kathleen McGann from Duke and Cliff Yu/Joe Lopriato from USU will further explore this idea.
6. The APPD share warehouse is up and running on the APPD website. The site has great ideas for faculty and PD's on curriculum and evaluation. APPD Faculty Development Task Force members were encouraged to browse these resources.

The Task Force Meeting was concluded at 6:30 PM.

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