ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD OF VISITORS - The School’s Board of Visitors, a group of distinguished and accomplished leaders in pharmacy chaired by Dr. Daniel Cobaugh, visited the School in early April. After a series of meetings with faculty and students, they gave a verbal report to Dr. Levine, which was extremely favorable. A written report will be available at some point in the future.

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT—Believing that our School has a tremendously talented group of faculty and staff members, we have engaged John Porcari, a 25-year consultant to academic, health care, and other institutions, to accelerate the development of leadership talent in the School. John will be the speaker and facilitator at the retreat in June, after which, a more extensive program will be available for approximately 36 individuals in cohorts of 12.

THE SALARY OFFSET PLAN will be suspended effective June 30, 2011 due to considerable budgetary constraints facing the School and University. At the time of the faculty meeting, the plan is to make no future funds available, and to not touch the existing balances.

LEADER IN EDUCATION

CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES
Michael Zemaitis made a motion that we 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
Maggie Folan seconded the motion. The vote by all faculty members in attendance was unanimous.

BECOMING A RESEARCH SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION
Dean Kroboth (PDK) presented a summary of the ENVIRONMENTAL BACKDROP for research funding including:
- The NIH budget of $30 billion with a mandate that specific numbers and types of grants be funded. The future direction of NIH funding is uncertain.
- $1.1 billion of ARRA funds were used to support comparative effectiveness research. A total of $10 billion will be available to support this focus of research.
- Major pharmaceutical companies (PhRMA) are using academic support funds to develop significant partnerships with individual institutions. Pfizer developed partnership with UCSF with $85 million in funding and is looking to establish other partnerships.
- Other sources of funding are available including the Pharmacy Quality Alliance.

STRATEGY: RECRUIT THE VERY BEST TALENT TO THE SCHOOL TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY FOR NIH SUPPORT AND DIVERSIFY OUR RESEARCH FUNDING PORTFOLIO
- One of the strategies to becoming a research school of distinction is through recruitment of the very best talent that is consistent with a pharmacy focus and who will be able to compete successfully for funding. The School is currently recruiting for five faculty positions. It is anticipated that two new faculty hires will have expertise with comparative
effective research, which is consistent with new opportunities in federal funding including NIH. Three positions will be focused on opportunities for funding from NIH and PhRMA. Please provide your feedback on all candidates even if you only attend seminars.

**GENETICS AND OPPORTUNITIES.** Through a School of Pharmacy alumnus, the opportunity for a partnership with a major genetics company is being discussed at the highest levels of the University. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the potential opportunity for the School in pharmacogenetics. The next meeting to move the partnership forward is in early May.

**ASSURING ADEQUATE RESOURCE BASE**

**BUDGET**

PDK provided an overview of the budget, including Governor Corbett’s proposed reduction in the state appropriations.

- Write to your state legislators! Keep the pressure on to restore funding for higher education, particularly the University of Pittsburgh, until the budget is passed. http://www.govtrel.pitt.edu/advocacynetwork/resources.html
- An alternative way to address a reduced Commonwealth appropriation is to increase revenues. Developing workshops and certificate and degree programs are ways to generate new revenue streams.

**CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION**

**Randy Smith** presented an update on construction and renovation.

**CONSTRUCTION**

- The coal mine in the area behind Salk Hall presented a more formidable obstacle and has resulted in a delay of construction of Salk Pavilion and the Commons.
- A Medicinal Garden will be planted throughout the hillside and Sutherland Drive perimeters because of partnership between Phipps and the University facilitated by Dean Kroboth.

**RENOVATION**

Five main principles guide the renovation plans for Salk Hall:

1. Make Salk Hall more energy efficient through renovation.
2. Retain and improve as much of the wet lab space as possible.
3. Move student learning spaces to lower floors to minimize elevator travel.
4. Maximize the use of learning spaces so that they are used more hours per day.
5. Develop “neighborhoods” within Salk Hall (e.g. research neighborhood, education neighborhood)

**PEOPLE! LABORATORY SAFETY AND WORK-RELATED INJURIES IN LAB**

**Maggie Folan** reported on two laboratory injuries to graduate students within a short period of time. Neither student was aware of the process for seeking medical attention and reporting the incident.

- Forms are available in the event of an injury
- If anyone “misses” work because of an injury, it is considered Workman’s Comp

1. **Billy Day** indicated that if we do not have a Safety Committee, we should have one. PDK responded that we will appoint a committee. Policies need to be followed regarding visitors, children, and guests in laboratories.
2. A question was raised whether we should encourage everyone to work in the lab when other individuals and not to work alone. This will be considered by the Safety Committee.

**PROGRAMS AND PROGRESS**

**DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS**

Amy Seybert gave a report that included the information below.
- The department is developing a certificate and MS degree program that will focus on direct patient care and practice development.
- The transplant group is working to develop a workshop format that would be available to transplant pharmacists nationwide.
- ACCP will be in Pittsburgh this year – Abstracts are due in June.

**DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES**

Barry Gold provided a report that included the information below.
- The department is currently recruiting for a Drug Delivery person and outstanding scientist. Dr. Gibbs will chair the search committee and the advertisements will be sent out soon.
- Dave Edwards is retiring in June.
- Dexi Liu is going to the University of Georgia to chair the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- Venkat received an award from APhA for Stimulation Research.
- Dr. Gold, Michele, Dolly, and Jane will be moving to the seventh floor in May.

**CENTER FOR CLINICAL PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES**

Sam Poloyac reported that:
- The Center has been established and is functioning. Signage is in place on the eighth floor.
- The Web site for the Center has been reviewed and will go “live” within the next few days.

**PAGE (PROGRESS AT A GLANCE)**

Denise Howrie reminded us that PAGE is set up to track accomplishments for every program. To better suit a broader audience of potential consumers of the progress data, it is proposed to revise the layout so that the reporting appears in three levels:
1. Top 20 indicators of success, which could be a quick overview for the majority of consumers.
2. More in-depth information, but not as detailed as the “truly detailed” information.
3. Truly detailed information with each of the measurable outcomes for each strategic variable. The users would be those working to achieve those goals and reviewing them.

“THE REST OF THE STORY”

Based on a faculty request to hear longitudinal information about strategic initiatives, Bob Gibbs and Maggie Folan presented information on the journey to increase the impact of the graduate program since the formation of the Graduate Program Council. See slides for detail.

The “Rest of the Story” about the Residency Program will be presented by Heather Johnson at a future meeting.
STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENT VIDEO
The meeting adjourned as a video prepared by our PharmD students was played. The video was a “Year in Review” for 2010-2011. Embedded in the video are:

- Their ASP national first place award-winning video of “Know Your Medications”
- The awards our students have won in the past year ... an impressive list.

The link for the video is:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLkkpidvzRo&feature=fvsr

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.