

I am pleased to report on activities, posters and presentations that were made by WesternU at the recent American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy meeting in Anaheim, July 23 -27. Congratulations to our faculty staff and students who were involved. In addition, the College hosted an invitational dessert reception for deans and their guests representing colleges of pharmacy from across the nation. We just couldn't pass up the opportunity to celebrate our 20 years of excellence with our national colleagues. We are ... WesternU Proud!!! Thanks to all who contributed to a very successful meeting.

Presentations

James Scott: Presented at the Curriculum SIG "Co-Curriculum: Meeting the New ACPE Standards: Why? What? How?"

Arbi Nazarian: Presented a talk on the New Investigator Award application and the do's and don'ts on grant writing.

Daniel Robinson: Presented Annual Report of the AACP Standing Committee on Advocacy. "Demystifying advocacy: moving faculty and students toward citizen engagement"

Steve O'Barr: Speaker at the Graduate Education Special Interest Group (SIG) Program: Trends and Transformations within Graduate Education

Posters:

1. Doreen Pon, Patrick Chan, Mark Nguyen, Emmanuelle Schwartzman. Student-Identified Needs for a Pharmacy Residency Elective Planning Course (PREP Course)
2. Karl Hess. A Comparison of Student Performance in a Self-Care Course After Implementation of Active Learning Strategies
3. Davies ML, Kim S. Evaluation of Teaching and Assessment Methods in the Pharmacy Calculations Curriculum. Poster presented at: AACP Annual Meeting; July 2016; Anaheim, CA.
4. Davies ML, Kugler A, Gogineni H, Hsu D, Nguyen M, Chung E. Evaluation of Assessment Strategies and Student Perceptions of a Course Dedicated to Curricular Integration. Poster presented at: AACP Annual Meeting; July 2016; Anaheim, CA.
5. Margarita Echeverri, Elizabeth Unni, Fadi Alkhateeb, Rajan Radhakrishnan, Krystal Moorman, Spencer Harpe and Anandi Law. Measuring cultural competency in pharmacy education.
6. Garavalia L, Nguyen MH (Megan), Ortiz M (student), Prabhu S, Robinson D. An exploratory study of students' decision-making process in choosing a pharmacy program. (School Poster)

Service:

Pat Chan: Served as the WesternU faculty delegate at the AACP House of Delegates

Daniel Robinson: Served as WesternU administrative delegate at the AACP House of Delegates

Quang Le and Jenny Lee: Awarded Walmart Scholarships and attended Walmart Scholars Program

Eunice Chung: Inducted as Chair of the Curriculum Special Interest Group

Karl Hess: Participated in the AJPE Editorial Board meeting as a member

Fadi Khasawneh: Presided over Biological Sciences Section Business Meeting and was recognized for his service as section Chair.

Anandi V. Law: Participated in AACP Board of Directors meetings, Inducted as Council of Faculties Chair, presented her charges at the COF Business Meeting.

Arbi Nazarian: Reported on the New Investigator Award program and on Council of Sections committee on Section-SIG relationship. Was invited and recognized at the Teacher of the Year luncheon. Completed his role as immediate past chair of the Biological Sciences Section.

Steve O'Barr: Recognized by AACP for 5 years of service with the Graduate Education SIG.

Megan Nguyen and Sunil Prabhu: Attended Admissions Workshop (2 day presymposium)

Bill Burrows, Renee Cook, Daniel Robinson: Attended Development Directors Special Interest Group Workshop (presymposium).

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