Health Professions Leadership Meeting Summary
Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Attendance: Maggie Coher, Don Combs, Clint Crews, Sarah Deaver, Joe Flannery, Earl Godfrey, Jeff Johnson, Don Meyer, Tom Parish, Mary Roberts, Helena Russell, Nancy Stromann, Mike Stutts, Lori Wood

I. Department Administrator: Dr. Combs announced that Maggie Coher has been named SHP’s Department Administrator. Maggie’s new role will primarily focus on assistance with SHP budgets.

II. SHP Committee Reports

- Curriculum Committee: A new charge for the committee was approved. Membership of the committee has been streamlined and a new chair has been selected: Kimberly Dempsey (chair), Linda Pautz, Helena Russell, Matthew Bernier, Karen Powell, Amy Fantaskey, and Jeff Johnson (Ex-Officio).
- Promotions Committee: Committee Chair Sarah Deaver has scheduled a meeting with Dr. Elza Mylona for guidance on faculty promotions. There are 8-9 SHP faculty seeking promotions this year. The committee’s charge is to advise faculty on the soundness of their promotion package and offer a recommendation to Dr. Combs regarding the likelihood that the promotion will be successful when it goes before the EVMS Promotions Committee.

III. Program Updates

- Art Therapy & Counseling: Faculty are restructuring program curriculum and recruiting internship sites.
- Surgical Assistant: Two candidates are interviewing for a full-time faculty position in the program. Karen Powell recently was hired to work full-time, working with the SA Program and in the CAST Lab. Three applications have been received for the new Master’s Bridge Program. The SA Program had 23 incoming students this fall.
- Medical Master’s: Three new courses were introduced this academic year to develop student presentation skills, professional knowledge of the healthcare team, and clinical anatomy, which were designed to improve their chances of getting into medical school. The Simulation Center will also be used to conduct mock interviews.
- Public Health: Professional development seminars were well-received by students. A new international mission component has been added to the program. An international student exchange program between Moldova’s School of Public Health and the EVMS MPH Program is being developed. In January, Dr. Brian Martin will start as the new MPH Program Director. The formation of a School of Public Health with ODU is being studied. Funding for the Public Health Training Center was reduced. Fifty students are on-track to graduate in May 2014 and there were 47 incoming students this fall.
• **Clinical Psychology:** A site visit from APA is scheduled for November 11-12. The program is now a four year PhD program. The program’s offices have relocated to Norfolk State University.

• **Physician Assistant:** Dan Thibodeau was named Director of Preceptor Recruitment for EVMS. His new role will take 40% of his time. Dr. Patricia Jennings was hired as a part-time instructor. Jeff Yates has gone back to clinical practice and was replaced by Dr. Charles Frost.

• **Biomedical Sciences Programs:** Biotechnology Master’s enrolled its first cohort of students this fall. The program trains master’s level lab management personnel. Both the Biotechnology and Research Master’s Program seek partnerships with biotech companies. There are 15 PhD students, including 3 new students.

• **New Programs:**
  - The Laboratory Animal Science (LAS) Master’s Program will be two years in length and consist of 30 credit hours distributed over 5 consecutive semesters, with courses delivered predominantly via distance learning. It will also include one week of on-campus training.
  - The Master’s in Medical and Health Professions Education Program will follow the same format as the LAS Program and is still under development.
  - The Interprofessional Education course is a new one-credit course that will be integrated into the curriculum for all SHP students in Fall 2014. Core competencies have been identified and refined by the HP Scholars and the Interprofessional Education Committee.

• **Ophthalmic Technology:** Sentara has established a scholarship for an Op Tech student. Sentara will pay the student’s last year of school if they sign a 3-year employment commitment. Six new students entered the program and the returning students began their clinical training.

IV. **Institutional/SHP Updates**

• **SHP Faculty Retreat:** Based on the evaluations of the retreat, the faculty are interested in having more, but have them shorter in length and with more dialogue.

• **2013-2014 Faculty Workload Study:** The study documents faculty productivity and effort. Directors were reminded to complete their program’s study by mid-November.

• **Enrollment Projections:** Programs have generally exceeded enrollment goals this year. Projected enrollment growth will be constrained by the number of faculty and space available.