Health Professions Leadership Meeting Summary  
Tuesday, December 11, 2012  

Attendance: Abby Calisch, Don Combs, Clint Crews, Joe Flannery, Earl Godfrey, Jeff Johnson, Jake Mayer, Don Meyer, Helena Russell, Tom Parish, Nancy Stromann, Mike Stutts, Lori Wood

I. Program Updates/Other Business

- **Graduate Program in Public Health:** Dr. Steven Becker has been hired by ODU as the Associate Program Director of the MPH program. Dr. Dorothy Faulkner will join the faculty here in mid-April as an epidemiologist. Dr. David Matson is on sabbatical and in mid-March will travel with MPH and MD students to Peru.

- **Clinical Embryology & Andrology:** The 10th CEA cohort began in May. They initiated an early acceptance policy and have accepted 12 applicants to the program.

- **Clinical Psychology:** The program is transitioning to a PhD program and is in the middle of its admissions cycle.

- **Art Therapy & Counseling:** The program will conduct an Open House on January 5th. The application deadline is January 7th and they have 60 partially complete applications that Abby is following up with. Their first-year students are a diverse group and their second-year students are on internships and working on their thesis experiments. Twenty-one new students entered the program and eighteen returned for their second year. The program’s new studio in Lewis Hall is a hit with the students. Dr. Cheryl Shiflett earned a doctorate in Counseling and Supervision at ODU and has joined the program’s full-time faculty.

- **Physician Assistant:** On January 2, 2013, 89 new students will enter the program. Concern was expressed in finding clinical sites for this large class. Having community-oriented spirit, the Class of 2014 has sponsored a family for Christmas. March 1st is the application deadline. Over 800 completed applications have been received so far.

- **Surgical Assistant:** The program converted to a master’s program this year. To accommodate the change, second year students will take didactic courses, in addition to being on clinical rotations. The new courses are both campus-based and asynchronous distance learning. CAAHEP, the program’s accrediting agency, was notified of the conversion. The program has a large new training space in Lewis Hall.

- **Ophthalmic Technology:** The program’s six first-year students are concluding their semester. The lack of signage in Lewis Hall creates problems for people looking for the Op Tech lab and offices.

- **Biomedical Sciences, PhD, Research Master’s and Biotechnology Master’s:** The new Biotechnology Master’s Program is recruiting prospective students for this 16-month program that includes a 6-month research internship on campus or with a biotechnology industry partner. Marketing efforts for the collective biomedical sciences programs include ads on GradSchools.com, mailings and emails to university department heads, and an open house that was held in October. Shannon Dudley was hired as administrative support for the Biomedical Sciences and Surgical Assistant programs.
II. Committee Reports

- **Curriculum Committee:** The committee reviewed several new courses at their November meeting. New Innovations software for course/faculty evaluations completed by students is now being used by all programs.

- **Promotions Committee:** New appointment and promotion guidelines have been approved by the EVMS Board of Visitors. The guidelines will be obtained from the Dean’s office and forwarded to the program directors.

III. Institutional/SHP Updates

- **William and Mary Due Diligence:** The Due Diligence Committee is working to identify areas of collaboration between EVMS and William and Mary academic programs that could potentially be developed as joint programs.

- **LCME:** The October LCME site visit was a success. EVMS was found non-compliant in only two standards, out of 128, and was partially compliant in five more. Additional efforts will be directed to improving diversity and ensuring that students do not receive health care from physicians who also assess their academic performance. A follow-up report is due in two years.

- **Interdisciplinary Project Planning for 2013:** An interdisciplinary program that will require participation by all Health Professions students is being developed. Students will receive credit for attending 5 out of the 10 special events. The Health Professions Scholars will be tasked with developing the program. A committee will also work on the project. Directors were asked to nominate faculty to work on the committee.

- **Annual Report:** A SHP Annual Report will be published reporting on the accomplishments of students and faculty during the 2011-2012 academic year.

- **Website External Site Launch:** The new website was launched today. Many issues with the faculty/staff pages are apparent but will be worked out over time. The internal website is scheduled to be launched in January. Revisions to the current intranet site of the Office of the Vice President and Dean of the School of Health Professions will be made.

- **Peer Institution Comparison:** With the FY14 budgeting process approaching, Directors were asked revise the table with the tuition and program costs of their program’s peer institutions.