

Education Section  
Academic Faculty SIG

Meeting Minutes  
July 2, 2004  
7:20 pm

Christine Conroy, newly installed Vice President of the SIG opened the meeting in the absence of President, Chris Carlson.

Old Business:

1. A survey has been developed to determine the needs of the SIG membership. It will be distributed shortly. All members are asked to complete this survey so the SIG can start planning ways to support the members.
2. Those present were reminded of the new faculty workshop being offered in July.

New Business:

1. In conjunction with the survey, the officers of the SIG are interested in receiving ideas for future educational programming to support the improvement of physical therapy teaching, research, and services. Please present your ideas to:
  - a. Chris Carlson, president: [ac7256@wayne.edu](mailto:ac7256@wayne.edu)
  - b. Christine Conroy, v. president: [cconro@midwestern.edu](mailto:cconro@midwestern.edu)
  - c. Wanda Nitsch, secretary: [wnitsch@usa.edu](mailto:wnitsch@usa.edu)
2. An advanced weekend seminar was proposed for faculty, especially focusing on balancing faculty responsibilities
3. Funding for faculty development: The Reauthorization of the Rehab Act will come before Congress shortly. A letter writing campaign should be planned for this act that could provide funding for faculty development.
4. Ideas for future CSM and Annual Conference programming included:
  - a. Post-tenure review and what it means to physical therapy faculty
  - b. Strategies for bridging teaching and scholarship. It was suggested we pool our resources with the Research Section and provide a one-day pre-conference seminar that would speak to: 1) avenues for getting publishing, 2) preparing articles for submission – taking the mystery out of the review process, and 3) doing qualitative research
  - c. How to balance your personal and professional life in a health and productive manner
5. Increasing membership: We are only as strong as the members supporting the SIG. We need more active participation from PT academic faculty. All those present were encouraged to speak with colleagues about the importance of joining the Education Section and SIG and participating in the educational opportunities.

6. Improved communication with other Sections: We need members who are willing to be liaisons with the other sections. These liaisons would attend both section meetings, representing the Education Section at meetings and communicating issues and concerns relating to education.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Nitsch  
Secretary