



From the Executive Dean

We are now well into the summer, students are out on experiential rotations (some are retaking courses), and Faculty and Staff members are catching up from a busy academic year and hopefully taking some vacation time.

Both USC and MUSC hooding ceremonies went very well, thanks to our Faculty and Staff who spent their time in organizing the events. We are proud of our graduates, their accomplishments and futures goals, and grateful for the dedication that our Faculty and Staff showed them throughout their four years with us. I have been asked a number of times over the year “What will we do for graduation with the first SCCP class in 2010?” I anticipate that we will have graduations on each campus. At MUSC, we will still be part of the University graduation. At USC, we will no longer be part of the undergraduate graduation, so we could have a separate graduation. Before deciding on the details for the event we will get Faculty and student input.

In July, we will welcome new Faculty members on both campuses. Two new clinical faculty members will establish practice sites in community pharmacy. In Columbia, Dr. Patricia Powell will establish a practice in a Walgreens Pharmacy and in Charleston, Dr. Catherine Paik will establish a practice in a Kerr Drug store. In both cases, we have collaborative agreements with the chain pharmacies and our partners will pay part of the faculty members’ salary. We hope to extend this model to other chain and independent pharmacy partners.

Last December at our retreat we started the process of constructing our core values statement. A College Task Force was appointed that drafted the statement and this was sent to Faculty and Staff for comments. Based on the feedback received a revised draft has been prepared and is undergoing final review by the Task Force. It will be resent to Faculty and Staff and will be considered for approval at the next Faculty meeting.

We have ordered audience response units (CPS system) through the campus bookstores for use in SCCP classes. The individual units will be purchased by students from the bookstore and they can then use for all classes. John Williams will be working with Faculty members to orient them on the use of the system. The CPS system will promote in-class student feedback and can be used for quizzes and exams. Please contact John if you would like to learn more about it. We are attempting to have units available for demonstration at our next Faculty meeting.

Here are a few announcements and information items:

- The College will be holding a reception at the SCPhA convention this week in Myrtle Beach. On Friday, June 22nd there will be USC and MUSC Alumni luncheons. For the USC Alumni, it will be the 50th year of these meetings. We expect a few dozen students to attend. We are also sponsoring the President's Champagne Reception on Friday evening. Additionally, the College is hosting two planned giving workshops on Saturday. These workshops will provide information on how to make philanthropic gifts through estate plans.
- We welcome Jim Ramsey, Director of Information Technology who has recently started. He will bring much needed expertise to the College.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph DiPino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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