INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SURVEY

The data collection period for ASAHP’s 2015 iteration of the Institutional Profile Survey opened on September 8. The deadline for submitting data is November 30. As of November 12, the following institutions have participated:

- Arkansas State University
- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Central Michigan University
- Ferris State University
- Governors State University
- Grand Valley State University
- Idaho State University
- Ithaca College
- Long Island University - Brooklyn
- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Ohio University
- Springfield College
- SUNY Upstate Medical University
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- University of Mississippi Medical Center
- University of North Florida
- University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
- Weber State University

The 2015 study is administered by staff at Creighton University. Technical assistance regarding how to interpret survey questions and enter data can be obtained by contacting Associate Dean Brenda Coppard at bcoppard@creighton.edu.

Each school has an ID Code, which can be furnished by contacting Jacoby Lawrence of the ASAHP staff at jacobyl@asahp.org. Deans and Directors are requested to have their respective institutions included in this year’s survey.

ASAHP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association’s Board of Directors met in Scottsdale, AZ on October 27. The following actions were among those taken:

- The Minutes of a Board conference call on July 16, 2015 were accepted as presented.

- In his report, President Richard Oliver reminded the Board of its commitment of $30,000 for special initiatives, saying that ASAHP can build on its success with these efforts. He also indicated the importance of figuring out a better way to work with the Association’s various committees.

- Treasurer Kevin Rudeen provided an update on the financial state of the Association, including that ASAHP’s investment accounts have increased by 3.8%. The year-to-date return is 1.2% net, which is about average for a conservative approach.

- Immediate Past President Richard Talbott provided a summary of his involvement as ASAHP’s representative on the National Academy of Medicine’s Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education. He also discussed the activities of ASAHP’s Political Action Committee, including a possible January meeting.

- A motion was approved unanimously to accept a definition of allied health that will be added to the ASAHP website.

- A lengthy discussion was conducted regarding how to implement the ASAHP Strategic Plan. Committee structure and functions were described. These groups will be given specific charges and be held accountable regarding expected achievements. A major emphasis will be placed on the following tactical objectives: clinical education, state authorization, and leveraging corporate alignment.
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In 2005, the Association’s Board of Directors approved the creation of a leadership development program aimed at individuals in ASAHP member institutions. The sixth iteration of this offering will occur in 2016 with Part I scheduled for March 15-16 in Louisville, KY immediately preceding the start of the Association’s 2016 Spring Meeting, which is on March 17-18. Part II will take place in New Orleans, LA on October 17-18 immediately prior to the 2016 Annual Conference, which is on October 19-21.

Individuals who are accepted for the program also will be expected to register and participate in both the Spring Meeting and the Annual Conference. They also will pay the full registration fees to attend these events.

The program will feature outstanding guest speakers who possess significant expertise and experience in various aspects of higher education administration. The period between March and October will be devoted to a combination of team and individual projects. Participants will have the opportunity to pursue issues of interest while also developing personal leadership skills.

- No fewer than 10 and not more than 15 participants will be selected. Normally, no more than one person will be chosen from any single member institution.

- Eligible applicants: Priority will be given to department chairpersons/directors, associate/assistant deans, and new deans (appointed within the previous 24 months at the time of applying). Others would be considered based on space availability. Self-nominations are permissible.

- The registration fee for each participant is $1,000. Expenses for lodging, travel, and meals will be the responsibility of either the individual participant or the institution.

- Applications must be submitted electronically by the close of business on November 30, 2015 to Jacoby@asahp.org


TENURE AND PROMOTION POLICIES

The Center for Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE) of the American Council on Education (ACE) released a new report about tenure and promotion policies and how they incentivize faculty’s internationalization efforts. Colleges and universities increasingly are embracing internationalization as a key institutional priority. As the drivers of teaching and learning, faculty play a critical role in those efforts. The report examines how institutions have incorporated internationally focused criteria into their tenure and promotion policies.


MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Joyce Hopp, who retired as Dean at Loma Linda University, but who continues to serve as a reviewer for the Journal of Allied Health, became the first person at that institution to be the parent of a child who also rose to that university rank. Her daughter, Helen Hopp Marshak, is now the Dean of the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University.

STATE AUTHORIZATION

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) recently approved Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, and Texas to join the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). These states bring the number of participating states to 34, with over half the SREB states participating in SARA.

PAY AS YOU EARN PLAN

The Department of Education on October 30 published its final rule for the Revised Pay-As-You-Earn (REPAYE) plan that will be available to all borrowers starting December 2015. Similar to current income-driven repayment plans, it caps borrowers’ monthly payments at 10 percent of discretionary income. New features include: if a borrower received any loans as a graduate or professional student, the repayment period is 25 years instead of 20 for undergraduates; there is no cap on the monthly payment amount; for unsubsidized loans, when the monthly payment is not sufficient to pay the accrued interest, only 50 percent of the remaining interest is charged to the borrower. The rule can be accessed at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-30/pdf/2015-27143.pdf.