The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) requires that each college and school of pharmacy be re-accredited periodically. Our school’s Doctor of Pharmacy program will undergo evaluation by a site visit team September 15-17, 2015. Comprised of representatives from ACPE and other Schools of Pharmacy throughout the country, the site visit team will determine if our School meets the standards for accreditation.

While September 2015 seems like light years away, there is much to do during this time period. To be fully accredited, we must meet 30 standards and provide supporting information validating that we meet the requirements through a self-study process. The standards consist of six main areas including mission, planning and evaluation; organization and administration; curriculum and assessment; students; faculty and staff; and facilities and resources. As we count down to the site visit, it is important that faculty members and our external constituents are apprised of the self-study process and contents. This quarterly newsletter will assist in that effort.

Self-Study Progress

We began the self-study process by conducting a pre-self-study audit; establishing the Steering Committee and Chair to oversee the process; and organizing, recruiting and assigning members for the six subcommittees (comprised of faculty, staff, students, external stakeholders and alumni).

Conducted during the Faculty Retreat January 7-8, the pre-self-study audit identified gaps in standards, providing an opportunity for improvement prior to the site visit. Findings of the audit will be presented to the faculty during the March faculty meeting. A schedule of faculty forums and meetings, critical to the accreditation process, follows.

Faculty Forums and Meetings Schedule

2014 Forums – 3/7, 4/11, 5/2, 6/13, 7/11, 8/15, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12
2014 Faculty Meetings – 3/14, 5/16, 8/1, 10/24
2015 Forums – 1/23, 2/20, 4/10, 6/12, 7/17, 8/28, 9/11
2015 Faculty Meetings – 1/7-1/8, 3/13, 5/15, 8/14
2015 ACPE Site Visit – 9/15-9/17