

**AAHSL New Academic Health Sciences Libraries Task Force
Preliminary Annual Report, October 2012**

The Task Force developed a proposal for phasing in AAHSL dues based on the LCME accreditation process and the status a school holds within the process. The AAHSL Board reviewed and approved the proposal and it will be brought before the AAHSL membership at the Annual Business meeting in November.

The Task Force also developed a proposal for holding a meeting to bring representatives from the new medical school libraries together to share experiences and discuss issues. The AAHSL Board approved the proposal and designated \$8,000 in funding to support both the expenses connected with the meeting as well as a small travel stipend for one representative from each new library. "The New Academic Health Sciences Library Symposium" was held June 25 to 26, 2012, in Orlando, Florida with the University of Central Florida hosting the activities on June 25. Invitations to the symposium were sent out by the AAHSL president to all the deans and librarians of the schools listed on the LCME site. Twenty librarians registered for the event. A Wiki was created on WordPress to promote the symposium and provide more information. A LibGuide site was created for the handouts and other presentation materials for those registered for the symposium.

The content of the symposium was designed to support librarians planning a 21st century medical library. The symposium opened with a welcome by UCF Dean Deborah German and a presentation about the Task Force and AAHSL by Pat Thibodeau. A tour of the new UCF library and medical school followed these presentations and then Dr. Robert Sabalis gave a presentation about the LCME process for new schools. The presentations on the second day covered budgeting and collection development, space planning, medical informatics, staffing, and the start-up culture. The task force members planned the panel sessions, inviting librarians from other new libraries to assist with the presentations. A professional facilitator was hired to moderate the discussion sessions following each panel, as well as handle the wrap-up sessions. Notes were taken throughout the meeting and the task force will discuss how to share these. A poster providing an overview of the symposium and new medical libraries will be presented at the AAMC annual meeting exhibits.

Discussions were started with the AAMC's Macy Consortium of New Medical Schools as to how the two groups could work together. The task force is also exploring how to work with the new GIR interest group.

The Task Force and other interested members from new libraries will meet in San Francisco to discuss next steps.

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