

NTUSPAA-NA: Report on the College of Pharmacy Project Progress, May 2008

To facilitate the progress of our College of Pharmacy 專業學院 .project, Board Representatives of NTUSPAA-North America, Drs.Jane Hsiao(13) , Diane Tang (22) and Jinn Wu (15) visited Taipei and Tainan. This trip spanned over two weeks in May and was accompanied by Mr. Eric Chiou (17), our newly appointed NTUSPAA-NA Liaison: General Manager, Foundation to Promote the Taiwanese Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology Industry. The following summarizes progresses made through this trip.

Subject	Background	Progress in May 2008	Actions and Responsibilities
Elevation of Department of Pharmacy (DoP) to School of Pharmacy (SoP)	Approval at the NTU level (Feb 2008) ¹ depends on meeting minimal faculty headcount (30) and an approved curriculum program. Current faculty headcount of 28 includes teaching assistants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reached understanding of current headcount “accounting” method and explored paths to obtain 2 additional faculty headcounts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o NTUSPAA-NA will actively seek endowment funds from alumni to support these two additional headcounts and coordinate with DoP.
6-Year Clinical Pharmacy Curriculum	Proposal submitted by DoP Chairman Lee ShoeiSheng was approved by CoM and NTU. Proposal was submitted to Ministry of Education earlier 2008.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Kick-off Advisory Committee meeting was chaired by CoM Dean Yang. Will start enroll 15 students fall of 2008 with anticipated full transition of 4 to 6 year program in 3 years. First graduating class of the 6-year program is 2013. o MoE answer is expected by mid June, 2008. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alice Chen (NTUSPAA-NA): Provided input to and will again review Clinical Pharmacy curriculum ASAP o Jane Hsiao (NTUSPAA-NA): negotiated and obtained UIC’s assistance on program design and transition; will follow up with Dean Jerry Bauman of UIC.
Minimal Faculty	Requires a minimum of 30 faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Explored paths to secure two faculty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o NTUSPAA-NA will actively seek endowment funds

Headcount Requirement	members to be eligible for a Professional School. We are currently short of two headcounts and their associated funding and space.	<p>openings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore possible merger with other department faculties: Departments of Toxicology and Pharmacology are not interested in this path. 2. Explore possible conversion of existing TA position to faculty headcount: This turned out not doable, either. 3. Identify and devise projects to generate revenue to support these positions: This does not provide funds in the near term. 	from alumni to support these two additional headcounts and coordinate with DoP.
Improve Teaching Quality and Lessen Faculty Workload	Four faculty positions (Molecular Medicine) remain vacant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o DoP needs to start administrative procedure to secure these headcounts from Ministry of Education o Formulate a plan and commitment to recruit and fill these positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o DoP Chair Lee ShoeiSheng to start administrative procedure o NTUSPAA-NA will help with recruitment once these positions become officially open.
Space for New Facilities	NTU approved two sites for SoP project, one at Hsu Zhou Road behind the Public Health Bldg and the other at Chu-Bei campus. Current DoP's available floor space (2.5 floors) is 1500 pin.in the NTU Medical Research/Teaching Bldg. NTU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 竹北 pilot plant 計畫書已於院規會通過 Chu-Bei building can start construction around end of 2008. o Hsu Zhou Road bldg can start construction in summer 2009. o Plan for future SoP facility will include three 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o DoP: 竹北 pilot plant 計畫書預計 6/6 提院務會議討論後續送校總區 o DoP and Tak Lee (NTUSPAA-NA) to provide user requirements and program proposal (GMP pilot and analytical labs) to NTU for the ChuBei project by June 4, 2008

	has a upper space limit for all departments based on faculty and student counts. The ceiling number is 3400 pin for the 6-year program.	locations 1. Current location: 1500 pin of 2.5 floors 2. One half of the Hsu Zhou Road new bldg, ~900 pin 3. 500-700 pin of the ChuBei bldg	o DoP and Jinn Wu (NTUSPAA-NA): Prepare proposal to use the Hsu Zhou Rd space as the bioanalytical and metabolism center of clinical trials; Provide user requirements and proposal to NTU Dean of General Affairs Hong ASAP
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¹ The professional School of Pharmacy (SoP) will be under the auspice of College of Medicine. This is a big step toward our eventually becoming a full-fledged College of Pharmacy 專業學院.

² To provide full-service clinical supply manufacturing and release for global clinical trials and serve as training facility for undergraduates and graduates

³ To provide full-service clinical pharmacokinetics and drug metabolism services for local and global clinical trials and serve as training facility for undergraduates and graduates

KEY CONTACTS MADE:

- o NTU President Lee, College of Medicine Dean Yang, NTU Dean of General Affairs Hong, Former NTU Dean of General Affairs Chern,
- o Ruentex Construction Group CEO Yin and his team
- o Taiwan Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association Member Representatives and Leaders
- o Taiwan Center for Drug Evaluation Representatives
- o Academia Sinica President Wong and his leadership team
- o Ching-Kang Foundation for Pharmacy Promotion
- o Academic Leaders in Southern Taiwan*
- o ScinoPharm Management Team and Staff
- o *May 14th meeting with academic leaders of other pharmacy schools: CKNU : 簡伯武副院長、許桂森、高雅慧、蔡瑞真教授; Cha Nan Univ : 宋國峻主任; KMU : 蔡義弘院長、楊世群主任、詹道明教授; Tajen : 黃國慶副校長、郭代璜主任秘書、陳福安主任
- o May 16th meeting with NTUSP alumni and friends: 王光昭、李水盛、林慧玲、蕭美玲、高純綉、陳基旺、王惠珀、黃文鴻、梁啓銘, 陳永順、康熙州、宋順蓮、程正禹、方承猷、程宏逵、貝南謀