Academy of Master Educators

Website Task Force Report, May 2009

- The initial implementation of the AME website, overseen by the Vice Dean’s office and AME leadership, has already provided a user-friendly node for posting publically accessible Academy information.

- The Website Task Force has been charged to build on this initial success.

- During winter and spring 2008-2009, additional background (technical) work has been completed on establishing a simple and scalable approach for posting of videos, such as faculty development presentations. Beginning in summer 2009, the task force will meet to establish priorities for website upgrades and content maintenance.

- Initial volunteers for this task force include: Raquel Buranosky, Michael Elnicki, Jamie Johnston, John Mahoney, JB McGee and Goutham Rao. Additional volunteers are welcome to join this group.

- Ideas already under discussion include expansion of the faculty development resources already posted within the OMED website, or relocating those web pages and resources to the AME website. The existing resources are posted at: [http://www.omed.pitt.edu/faculty/](http://www.omed.pitt.edu/faculty/) The postings include links to faculty development materials, useful web resources, medical education publications and organizations, and related sites.

- One potential benefit of creating a common collection point for web-based faculty development resources within the School of Medicine would be that it may become easier to guide interested faculty to access these materials. For example, if the schedules of upcoming faculty development conferences, including those sponsored by the Academy, were posted at a single location, it could make it easier for individuals to develop a habit of checking those schedules as they plan their calendars.

- The initial meeting of the website taskforce will be during June-July, 2009.