Council of Academic Societies Fact Sheet

- Established in 1966 by AAMC as result of Coggeshall Report (1965) calling for a Council of Faculty that should be concerned with matters of curriculum, educational content, and educational methods.

- 1967….18 members
- 2004….94 members
  - Over 70 are clinical societies
  - About 20 basic science societies
  - 5 are interdisciplinary…
    - Association Academic Health Sciences Libraries
    - Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education
    - Society for Academic Continuing Education
    - International Association of Medical Science Educators
  - CAS representatives (those representing societies)
    - Some from industry
    - Several heads of major teaching hospitals
    - Some with NIH and VA
    - Some not at AAMC member institutions

- Criteria for membership
  - Academic and educational orientation and an interest in medical education
  - 501 c3 status *(SDRME would need to apply for 501 c3 status at a cost of about $1,000)*

- Financial obligations
  - Dues….$575/year…… CAS then will cover the cost of AAMC staff member participating in SDRME annual meeting
  - Financial support for representatives (up to two) from SDRME to attend CAS meeting(s)…..or this cost to be covered by the representative’s institution
  - Two meetings: one with AAMC and separate annual meeting

- Current and recent committees/task forces
  - Program Committee…preparing for AAMC…four sessions, two of which will be plenary sessions co-sponsored
  - Basic Science Chair Leadership Forum…planning second National Meeting of Basic Science Chairs in October of 2005
  - Faculty Leadership Task Force…completed the Chairs Objectives Project that was published as part of the AAMC monograph, *The Successful Medical School Department Chair: Characteristics, Responsibilities, Expectations, Skill Sets.* Working closely with
Diane Magrane, M.D., director of new AAMC Office of Faculty Development.

- Task Force on Dual Degree Students, Faculty and Programs...collecting data from AAMC databases and will meet to finalize its research objectives and determine any additional data needs.
- Scholarship Dissemination Project...gathering information on CAS society-sponsored and published journals. An advisory committee has been formed of faculty members, society publishers, library directors, an economist, and journal editors.
- CAS Administrative Board reviewed the Committee of Deans Draft Report on Framing the Mission of the AAMC Institute for Improvement in Medical Education and the President of CAS, Dr. Schuster sent a letter of response to the Committee of Deans.

- Annual Meeting of 2004, “Changing Academic Medicine’s Focus from Growth to Quality”
  - March 11-14 in Santa Monica
  - Some of speakers
    - David Baltimore, Ph.D., President of Cal Tech
    - Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, LA Dept. of Health Services
    - Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director of AHRQ
    - Edward Holmes, M.D., Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean, UC—San Diego
    - Jerry Colliver, Ph.D., Director of Statistics and Research Consulting, SIU
    - Stephen Smith, M.D., MPH, Associate Dean for Medical Education, Brown
    - Maurice Hitchcock, Ed.D., Director of Division of Medical Education, USC
    - Linda Perkowski, Ph.D., Director of Education Programs, UT—Houston

- Business Meeting Minutes
  - Donald Wilson, M.D., Chair of AAMC, discussed changes made by AAMC Executive Council to increase oversight by Association’s elected leadership
  - Jordan Cohen, M.D., President of AAMC, discussed NRMP litigation, IRB review of the GC, new study of *The Economic Impact of Medical College and Teaching Hospital Members of the AAMC*, new appointments of senior staff at AAMC.