In support of our goal to lead the field of veterinary medicine we are participating in a Consortium of West Region Colleges of Veterinary Medicine initiative to develop a teaching academy. The Consortium is interested in creating a collaborative teaching academy as a means to support best practices in veterinary medical education and to establish the veterinary educator as a valued career. Drs. Jan Ilkiw and Joie Watson are representing the School as members of the steering committee. The committee met in early June to: design the start-up of the academy; identify objectives; define the scope of the deliverables; develop the vision; and create a set of core values to guide the program’s development. The committee also discussed issues related to the committee’s leadership, membership, roles and responsibilities, operational framework, meeting schedules, metrics and specific projects. The committee will continue to meet via monthly video conferences and will schedule a 1-2 day meeting in January 2013.