Strategy: Lead the field of veterinary medicine by sharing educational expertise and best practices locally, nationally and internationally (1.3)

Tactic: Consider the development of a teaching academy to foster best practices in teaching.

Date: Fall Quarter 2012

Summary of Activities

Consortium of Western Regional Colleges of Veterinary Medicine – Colorado State University, Oregon State University, Western University of Health Sciences, Washington State University and University of California at Davis

- Steering committee formed by 2 members representing each of the five schools. Drs. Joie Watson and Jan Ilkiw represent UC Davis.
- Steering committee members held a video conference meeting on September 28, 2012.
  - Mission Statement:
    - In order to meet the needs of society and the profession, members of the Consortium of West Region Colleges of Veterinary Medicine will collaborate to develop, implement, critically evaluate, and disseminate the best practices in veterinary medical education and to establish “medical/biomedical educator” as a valued career track.
  - Vision statement is undergoing final development and refinement.
  - Bylaws and membership process documents are being finished. For the first year it is anticipated that there will be approximately 10 members per school.
  - Steering committee plans to meet again in February to finalize documents and membership and will begin planning for first “annual” meeting.
- Dean Lairmore presented a draft document for a WESTERN REGIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
**FOR DAIRY PRODUCTION MEDICINE** at a meeting of the Consortium in July which was held in conjunction with the AVMA Annual Convention held in San Diego, California. There was interest and support for continuing the discussion of this regional center of excellence.

**Resource Materials/Data Analysis**

**Upcoming Activities/Initiatives**

To be determined

**Accomplishments**

N/A