

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2014 MEETING DRAFT 3/5/14

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- 3:00PM, Gillham Room at Administrative Center
- RAC members present: Vice Chancellor Lawrence Dreyfus, Mark Hoffman, Anthony Caruso, Jenny Lundgren, Marilyn Yoder, Richard Arend, Robert Groene, Mark Johnson, Chris Holman, Brenda Dingley, Cindy Russell (sitting in for Pat Kelly), John Wang, Anil Kumar, Maureen Hannoun, Denis Medeiros, James Brazeal, Alex Binder, and Leslie Burgess. Absent: Provost Gail Hackett, Virginia Blanton, Reza Derakhshani, Jacob Marszalek, Kathleen Kilway, Lorelei Sells, Pat Kelly, Chris Winders, and Bob Simmons.

II. Presentation by Mark Hoffman, Ph.D. Director, *Center for Health Insights*

- Mark presented an overview of the Center for Health Insights, the purpose of which is to help facilitate biomedical and clinical research activities across UMKC, our clinical partner institutions and the region. Their goal is to enable the generation and application of new biomedical insights by taking a contemporary approach to clinical data capture and data management. Mark discussed the implementation of REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture) to advance the current state of research processes on campus. REDCap is an open source software platform that will offer an overall collaborative database infrastructure for faculty and students. It provides a secure web application exclusively for the support of data capture and sharing in research studies. Mark concluded that the center provides a strong role in supporting the translational research needs of UMKC, which is also applicable toward multiple models such as preclinical, formal trials, observational studies, outcomes research and community health. The Center for Health Insights PowerPoint will be posted soon on the RAC website.

III. Faculty Grants Program: “Funding for Excellence” Grant Program

- Dr. Dreyfus discussed the FFE grant program, focusing on feedback received from faculty and the RAC subcommittee. He also covered the funding and launching of the program, saying that the subcommittee will meet again to fine-tune the policies and guidelines. The plan is that the program will be funded in its first year (Fall 2014) out of RS resources. After the first year other sources of money from the campus will be sought.

IV. *Explore Research Brochure*

- RAC members in attendance received a copy of the first issue of the *Explore* research brochure. The publication will be produced on a semiannual basis, with the next edition being a released in Fall 2014. Dr. Dreyfus encouraged

members to send him names of researchers and stories that could be featured in upcoming brochures.

V. Interdisciplinary – Intercampus Grants Program 2014 (update)

- Copies of the revised 2014 IDIC guidelines were distributed by email for review. Dr. Dreyfus noted that the funding has been increased from \$25K to \$50K. He reported a focus in this year's competition on President Obama's Grand Challenge Ideas with include areas applicable to UM System research in the areas of brain, biomaterials, and sustainable energy. A total of up to \$1M in funding will be awarded with each campus receiving up to \$200K (\$50K maximum funding per campus. Changes this year include a broadened scope of eligibility, along with new deadlines. Applications will be due this year on June 2, with decisions for funding coming shortly thereafter.

VI. FastTrack Funding Program (update)

- Members received copies of the FastTrack Call for Proposals and application forms via email. This year the campuses will hold "pitch" competitions to determine the 4 best proposals from each campus which will then compete in Columbia for the 10 available awards (\$50K each)

VII. F&A Release

- F&A will be released form the ORS ASAP.

VIII. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held Monday, April 6th in the Plaza Room of the Administrative Center.