

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2014 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

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

II. Funding for Excellence (update)

- Dr. Dreyfus updated the council that the Funding for Excellence program planning is in progress and a fillable PDF application form for submissions is being worked on. The estimated funding total for Fall is \$100K, with a maximum for \$15K per project. He will ask for feedback from the council as it moves forward and will have information for faculty during the fall semester.

III. Interdisciplinary - Intercampus Grants Program 2014 (update)

- Dr. Dreyfus reported there were 33 total proposals from the UM system. The goal is to have them processed with award notifications out by mid-July. Pat Kelly asked if investigators could receive feedback during the proposal review and selection. Dr. Dreyfus explained that the application has been fine-tuned to an online process which ensures applicants will all receive feedback during the evaluation phase.

IV. FastTrack Funding Program (update)

- Dr. Dreyfus explained that the program, designed to promote intellectual property across UM campuses, has more secure funding for the future as ensured by its inclusion in the system budget under Hank Foley. This year each campus submitted four finalists, with 12 coming out of UMKC and four moving forward to Columbia. All four projects have been funding through the competition. All winners will be eligible to compete next year in the second round of competition. Dr. Kelly addressed yearly tracking of awards to analyze overall investment value as time goes on. Dr. Dreyfus said recording the patents and license agreements that result from FastTrack awards will be a crucial measure of return.

V. Committee Charge (revisited)

- Dr. Dreyfus explained that two aspects were missed in the original RAC charge, the first being that faculty representatives need to be voted by their academic unit and the second being that they need to be full professors. He will make these corrections and send it to the council for approval before posting the official updated charge.

VI. IRB Committee reorganization (Chris Winders)

- Chris Winders gave an overview of the IRB Committee reorganization, discussing the merger of the Adult Health Sciences and Social Sciences groups into one body. Benefits of this restructure include reduced burden on representation, increased diversity and greater equality in distribution of group members, reduced meeting obligations, reduced IRB administrative management obligations, and greater engagement among members. He explained that timelines with processing studies should not change under the reorganization. It was noted that the committee will be strengthened overall, with the only foreseeable downside being that representatives from two campuses will need meet in one location. Mr. Winders will encourage 50/50 representation from each group for the new roster, which will be changed in August.

VII. Spring 2014 UMRB Results

- A total of 48 awards were given among the UM system. UMKC received 15 awards with a total of \$285,624.00 in funds.

VIII. Assay Depot

- Dr. Dreyfus presented the group with information regarding Assay Depot, an online broker for research services across the country. It allows for the sharing of resources and core facilities, which could be greatly beneficial to the UM system. The overview is covered in the attached [presentation](#).

IX. Looking forward

- Dr. Dreyfus thanked RAC members for their participation throughout the year and said he would like to know in the coming weeks of summer the kind of information and concerns the council would like to address when meetings resume. He asked for feedback regarding frequency and length of meetings as we formulate next year's schedule. Several areas of focus were noted as important topics to address as the council moves forward:
 - Methods to increase research and research funding on campus
 - The promotion and awareness of UMKC research for administration, faculty, students, and the surrounding community.
 - The need for increased research space and facilities
 - The state and challenges of faculty retention under current budget model

- The development and finalizing of the Strategic Plan for Research