

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2016 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance

- 3:00PM, Plaza Room at Administrative Center
- RAC members present: Lawrence Dreyfus, Chris Winders, Tony Caruso, Brenda Dingley, Chris Holman, Ann Cary, Reza Derakhshani, Mary Walker, James Murowchick, Mark Johnson, Kathleen Kilway, and Leslie Burgess.

II. UM Columbia Model Proposal Site

- Dr. Dreyfus explained the UM Columbia Model Proposal Website as a database to search for examples of grant proposals.

<https://research.missouri.edu/apps/ModelProposal/Default.php>

III. KCALSI – UMKC Translational Medicine Meeting

- Dr. Dreyfus announced that UMKC will be cohosting a conference with KCALSI on April 21st and 22nd. He explained that the first day will be held on the Volker campus in the Student Union Theater with an evening reception in the Bloch Executive Hall, featuring presentations from UMKC faculty. The location for the second day is Union Station and with keynote speakers from St. Luke's Hospital. Registration is open at:

<http://www.kclifesciences.org/events/2016-regional-translational-medicine-meeting/>

IV. iThenticate

- Dr. Dreyfus explained that iThenticate, a software program designed to identify possible plagiarism, is going to be tested by the Office of Research Services on a trial basis for a campus launch. It flags material that matches text from documents found on the web, then highlights the text in question to ensure it is properly cited. The results include a percentage score which indicates how much of a document matches other sources, flagging those with a high percentage. Dr. Dreyfus said it is a great tool for investigators and the University in the protection and prevention of research misconduct.

- Dr. Ann Cary asked if this would affect the timeline for proposal submissions and Dr. Dreyfus said that although the process only takes minutes, there would need to be an internal review if a document was flagged. It was discussed that the process could be done in parallel with the submission and then the investigator notified if the document is deemed suspicious. He noted submissions can be retracted by the Office of Research Services if needed so this wouldn't necessarily delay a submission. Dr. Mary Walker said if the

process is known to the investigators ahead of time and it was done before submitting then it shouldn't hold up the process.

- It was discussed how best to launch the software and members agreed that having volunteer submissions first would be best for a trial run. Dr. Dreyfus said that he will demonstrate test submissions during the next RAC meeting in May.
- A handout for iThenticate can be found on the ORS website at:
<http://ors.umkc.edu/docs/default-source/Research-Advisory-Council/using-ithenticate.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

V. LARC Fee Structure Changes

- Dr. Dreyfus discussed the possibility of a fee rate increase for LARC, providing members with a handout if data comparing user fees from similar institutions, as well as documents describing possible structure changes. He noted that UMKC's rates haven't been increased in at least 8 years and that a 25% increase will be needed in order to offset expenses over time. Repairs, equipment maintenance, costs for personnel and training, computer system upgrades and support are currently absorbed by the ORS Operating budget, with its only source of income other than LARC being ORS-directed F&A. Materials distributed showed that at present, the average unit cost for mouse per diem (representative of overall per diem costs) of 9 surrounding and comparator universities is 103% higher than that of UMKC (range: 33% - 230% higher).
 - Dr. Mark Johnson noted that our current rate fees are an attractive recruiting tool and that a jump of 25% would be easier for frequent animal users if done gradually. This would make for less problematic transitions for investigators in budget planning. He pointed out that this speaks more of an overall need for greater commitment for research in the University's general operating budget. Dr. Tony Caruso raised the idea of grandfathering a 25% rate increase, with it only applying to proposals submitted after a certain date.

VI. Funding for Excellence 2016

- The 2016 Funding for Excellence competition is scheduled for this fall semester, in keeping the same timeline.