

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2015 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance

- 3:00PM, Plaza Room at Administrative Center
- RAC members present: Tony Caruso, Ginny Blanton, Jenny Lundgren, Robert Groene, Carolyn Thompson, Denis Medeiros, Russ Melchert, Bob Simmons, Brenda Dingley, Divya Kamath, Mary Walker, Kathleen Kilway, Mark Johnson, and Leslie Burgess.

II. 2015 Faculty Research Symposium

- Tony Caruso led the meeting on Dr. Dreyfus' behalf and announced that the planning is underway for this year's Faculty Research Symposium. A flyer was distributed to members and the date is set for Friday, Dec. 11th. Tony explained that this year's format has changed, as there will be an introduction program in the Student Union Theater followed by poster presentations. The presentations will be on the 4th floor and will consist of two sessions where faculty are present with their posters, one from 11:30am to noon and one from noon to 1:30pm. Online registration is open and Tony encouraged members to spread the word. More information can be found on the ORS website at <http://ors.umkc.edu/office-of-research-services/2015-faculty-research-symposium>

III. FFE Awardees

- The Funding For Excellence award winners have been announced and a handout was distributed with the list of awardees. Tony said there will be a campus announcement by email and through UMatters in the next week.

IV. IRB Data

- Chris Winders showed the most recent IRB data in a presentation for members. The slides can be found at [http://ors.umkc.edu/research-compliance-\(iacuc-ibc-irb-rsc\)/institutional-review-board-\(irb\)/irb-metrics](http://ors.umkc.edu/research-compliance-(iacuc-ibc-irb-rsc)/institutional-review-board-(irb)/irb-metrics)

V. Proposal/Award Data

- Tony presented proposal/award data from the Office of Research Services, explaining that he is in the process of identifying weak and strong funding trends. He said he'd appreciate input from RAC members in this review and that the next step will be coming up with an approach to change the weak or non-obvious trends.
- Members discussed the lack of more refined stats, such as trends broken down by unit, which would be helpful for Deans in reporting. Additional data requested included:
 - Track F&A vs. major and sub-categories

- Equipment only vs. standard research requests
 - Tracking federal and state source funding increases and declines and how they correlate with individual areas
 - Plotting the same subcategory metrics, but broken down by schools and units.
- Tony concluded that the next phase of developing approaches will be discussed in future RAC meetings.