

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2017 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance

- 3:30PM, Plaza Room at Administrative Center
- RAC members present: Lawrence Dreyfus, Tony Caruso, Chris Winders, Jeffrey Price, Peter Morello, Jenny Lundgren, Loyce Caruthers, Kathleen Kilway, Mark Johnson, Mary Walker, Paula Monaghan-Nichols, Mark Nichols, Eric Anderson, Anil Kumar, Chris Holman, James Murowchick, Robert Groene, Maureen Hannoun, and Leslie Burgess.

II. Research Computing Needs: Mary Lou Fritts, UMKC Chief Information Officer & Andrew Goodenow, Associate Chief Information Officer

- Mary Lou discussed the resources for faculty computing needs. She said their office is focused on providing staff support as well as storage, space, and data archiving. She said they are happy to be a liaison between UMKC and Tim Middlekoop's office in Columbia regarding high-performance computing needs and storage.
- She encouraged faculty and staff to notify her office as soon as possible for future planning. When new faculty is hired, please bring any needs to their attention in advance. She said they'd also be happy to assist with providing information to new recruits regarding research resources on campus.
- Mary Lou concluded that she is hoping to develop a mechanism for providing computational support system for faculty and welcomes feedback the group. She mentioned that some departments have IT coordinators who meet regularly with her to discuss needs and having a point person for contacting her is helpful. Dr. Caruso suggested that there be a specific person dedicated to being a contact for new faculty computational needs.

III. News and Calendar Items

- Dr. Dreyfus reminded members of the upcoming Bioinformatics Conference, which will be held April 13th and 14th on the UMKC campus. Information and registration can be found at <http://kcbioinformatics.org/conference/>
- Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute (KCALSI) is collecting scientific images from the region and turning selected images into art. Selected artwork will be auctioned during the 2017 "Science to Art" silent auction held during KCALSI's Annual Dinner this September. The deadline for submission is April 28th. Files may be uploaded online at <http://www.kclifesciences.org/events/annual-dinner/call-for-art-submissions/> Dr. Dreyfus noted that the auction proceeds will be dedicated to supporting STEM education in the Kansas City community.
- The Funding for Excellence grant proposals will be due on September 15, 2017. Dr. Dreyfus explained that as this third round approaches, the group will discuss past

funded projects and their progressions. Dr. Johnson agreed that it will be beneficial to review the projects to see if they met their objectives and what kind of impact they've made on campus and/or in the community.

IV. UMKC Research/Sponsored Programs Activity Report

- Dr. Dreyfus explained that this agenda item will be put on hold, as he is currently collecting this information for a presentation to the Campus Research Officers for later this month.

V. Future of Research Advisory Council

- Dr. Dreyfus informed the group that he had discussed restructuring the council with the Provost, particularly with having an elected faculty leader, possibly a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate. He explained how he first formed the group several years ago, as there was no formal group to advise and council upper leadership on campus in regards to research. The natural progression, he noted, would be faculty members, including a Chair, elected by faculty and representing each School.
- The original RAC charge was distributed to members and Dr. Dreyfus asked for feedback. Kathleen Kilway noted that a transition would be best, possibly starting in 2018 elections. Members agreed and it was discussed how best to address representation from the College of Arts and Sciences.
- The overall purpose of the council was questioned, and it was clear that although the group was designed to hear and support the research needs of faculty on campus, it was structured where the agenda is being led by research administration. Dr. Dreyfus explained that with the new organization, research administration would participate, but as Ex Officio members.
- Dr. Dreyfus asked for volunteers from the council to meet and consider the development of the new structure and it was agreed that constructing a new charge for the group is the best place to begin. The original charge will be distributed by email to all RAC members and he appreciates any thoughts and feedback moving forward.