

**RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016 MEETING**

**I. Time, Location and Attendance**

- 3:00PM, Plaza Room at Administrative Center
- RAC members present: Lawrence Dreyfus, Tony Caruso, Chris Winders, Kathleen Kilway, Mark Johnson, Mary Walker, James Murowchick, Anil Kumar, Divya Kamath, Reza Derakhshani, Brenda Dingley, Robert Groene, Anthony Persechini, Chris Holman, Jenny Lundgren, John Wang, Denis Medeiros, Bob Simmons, and Leslie Burgess.

**II. The next UMKC Capital Campaign**

- Dr. Dreyfus welcomed guest presenters:
  - Steven Norris, President, UMKC Foundation
  - Jeff Chapman, Assistant Vice President, UMKC Foundation
  - Jay Wilson, Assistant Vice President, UMKC Foundation
- Steven Norris explained that the planning for the next capital campaign for the foundation is underway, noting that research has been an underrepresented component in past. The foundation would like it to become a prominent focus in this year's the upcoming plan and asked for input from the council. He said that having research be the central component brings great potential to raise substantial capital for needs on campus, while growing the sector and attracting faculty and investors alike. Jeff Chapman agreed, citing the importance of creating relationships and connecting investors and entrepreneurs with investigators.
- Steven said he'll be working closely with the Chancellor and Provost in the next three months to create 5-7 focus areas for the campaign. The foundation will then figure the costs of these goals while trying to match them with donors. He asked members for suggestions and areas of need.
  - Dr. Mark Johnson said he applauds these efforts and hopes this will spur not only funding, but a change in campus culture in regards to the importance of research. Acute maintenance and facility needs are clearly important in moving forward and being competitive in attracting great faculty. Steven agreed that the recruitment and retention of faculty, along with facilities, are looking to be key needs.
  - Jeff explained that reaching out to community and companies, establishing relationships by creating communication with researchers and funders is extremely important to create a successful campaign. Spotlighting research on campus and matching investors to projects will be key.
  - Dr. Reza Derakhshani also agreed that the recruitment and retaining of faculty is important, adding that attracting Ph.D. scholars and top students with

generous fellowships is also critical for units. He also noted focus areas of community investor interest, such as geriatrics and data security.

- Dr. Jenny Lundgren explained that the Psychology department has had budgetary struggles as well that have hindered their ability hire faculty, thus limiting their admission of Ph.D. students. She said that while Health Sciences are important, much research is done through her unit and should be included. Equipment limitations leading to the dependence on outside fMRI facilities and blood drawing labs is quite costly.
- Dr. Anthony Persechini asked the foundation members what strategy they would take for fundraising for facility and faculty needs, areas that may not seem like exciting cause for donation. Steven noted that the successful research stories, such as Dr. Linda Bonewald, haven't been marketed or shared as they should be. These achievements, like those featured in Explore Magazine, will be highlighted.
- Eric Anderson, director of UMKC's Office of Technology Commercialization, said that he'd like to bring intellectual property into the picture and discuss this with the foundation in their planning.
- Dr. Dreyfus explained that he will be requesting suggestions and working on common goals with the Deans.
- Steven concluded that they will be creating the plan over the next several months, with September as the launch.

### **III. Research Space Policy**

- Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration Bob Simmons presented a background on past research space policy development, with a handout distributed to members providing data and material from the past several years. He explained that he will be forming a new committee to evaluate and redraft the policy, led alongside Dr. Dreyfus. He'd like six members, three representing the Research Advisory Council and three from the Facilities Advisory Committee.
- Members noted that this is a complicated issue, particularly in times of budget strain and volatile fluctuations in state funding. All agreed that a stronger representation of research in the overall University Strategic Plan would be ideal.
  - Dr. Dreyfus said he has been working on a strategic plan for research for the Provost and will be presenting it to the Deans in the upcoming month. He said he will email it to members for feedback.
- The document for Research Space Policy Development can be found at: <http://ors.umkc.edu/docs/default-source/Research-Advisory-Council>

### **IV. iThenticate**

- Dr. Tony Caruso presented a draft for the launching of iThenticate, a web-based software platform used to detect plagiarism in funding proposals. He explained that the Pre-Award Services of the Office of Research Services will upload proposals as part during the application process on behalf of investigators. A report from

iThenticate will be returned to investigators within 1-week of their proposal submission. If the proposal contains greater than 30% matched text, the Office of Research Services will highlight this for the investigator and offer a consultation as to how to address the particular case, as to whether to continue, edit, or withdraw the submission.

- Mandatory proposal review through the software will launch on September 1, 2016, although manuscripts or proposals may be submitted to the office at any time until then.
- Please contact the ORS Pre-Award services with any questions regarding the iThenticate process at [ors@umkc.edu](mailto:ors@umkc.edu). A webpage is currently being drafted. Frequently asked questions can be found at: <http://www.ithenticate.com/products/faqs>