UMKC School of Medicine  
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes – Approved  
October 3, 2011  
SOM – Dean’s Large Conference Room – 4:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Present:  
Lance Carter, Paul Cuddy, Mary Gerkovich, Meg Gibson, David C. Hermanns, Mark Miller, Eugenia Pallotto, Mahesh Patel, Doug Swanson

Absent:  
Jerilynn Hart, Amber Wollesen

Guests:  
Dean Betty M. Drees, Dr. Stefanie Ellison

Recorder:  
Deborah K. Green

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Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Dr. David C. Hermanns, Chairman

Welcome and introduction of the committee and new member, Lance Carter.

Item 1:  
**Dean Betty M. Drees shared the results of her recent evaluation** (of which 198 faculty members responded). Dean Drees would like to include members of the Faculty Council to attend department visits with her, so that people can associate our faces as their resources for connection with the School of Medicine. Dr. Hermanns added that doing so will be good for the Council, in terms of reinforcing its place in the hierarchy/system. Getting more people involved on committees and councils will help them feel more connected.

Dean Drees also provided an update on the SBS (School of Biological Science) – SOM (School of Medicine) Partnership. We were approached by the Faculty of the School of Biological Sciences about a partnership. The compelling reasons to consider have to do with what we can do to improve our education and research programs. Timing was precipitated by some of the budget concerns within the University, in terms of efficiencies. Growth is being sought through this partnership. A steering committee has been formed and there is a faculty voice in the process. Action Groups are being formed to look more specifically at education and research programs, as well as faculty and student affairs – to set higher visions than we currently have. Dean Drees believes that UMKC can become a destination campus for students who are interested in biology and health careers.

Other Issues:  
The Program Planning project did not get additional fund from the state for building a new structure at this time. The current focus is on the renovation of our current 40-year old structure: 1) Building a 37-seat computer testing facility on the first floor, and 2) Renovating the third floor (northeast quadrant) to
include three Docent units and space for students at Saint Luke’s. The renovation will bring student offices up-to-code and include Smart Boards to assist with rounds.

**Item 2:**
Dr. Stefanie Ellison, Chair of the Council on Curriculum, gave a brief discussion and overall review regarding changes in the core competencies to achieve greater alignment with ACGME.

**Item 3:**
Faculty Senate review of voting faculty designation. The Bylaws were edited and rewritten for clarity – the latest update shows excellent work.

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A brief review was given on the academic units.

A request was made to discuss promotion and tenure during the next Faculty Council Meeting.

The next Faculty Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 9, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.** – Dean’s Large Conference Room (SOM).

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.