UMKC School of Medicine  
Faculty Council Meeting – MINUTES - Approved  
January 9, 2012  
SOM – Dean’s Large Conference Room – 4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Paul Cuddy, Mary Gerkovich, Meg Gibson, Deborah Green, David Hermanns, Mark Miller, Eugenia Pallotto, Mahesh Patel, Doug Swanson.

Absent: Lance Carter, Jerilyn Hart, Amber Wollensen

Meeting called to order at 4:38 p.m. by Dr. David Hermanns. Following is a brief overview of the agenda items presented and discussed:

- School of Biological Sciences (SBS) – School of Medicine (SOM) Collaboration Discussion
- Brief report on Promotions
- Faculty Dinner and Meeting
- Brief reports from Council Members

SBS-SOM Collaboration Discussion: The discussion was led by Drs. Paul Cuddy, Mary Gerkovich, and David Hermanns, whom also serve on the SBS-SOM Partnership Steering Committee, representing Faculty Affairs. An overview was given of the School of Biological Sciences; update of recent activities; and an explanation given for the purpose of the collaboration, which is to provide a benefit for both schools. The steering committee has met four times and determined a need to represent all programs by way of action group sub-committees. The active roles of each school were thoroughly discussed during a half-day conference/retreat, held on December 22, 2011. The Action Groups include:

- Graduate Programs
- Research Programs, Infrastructure, Core Facilities
- Faculty Affairs
- Undergraduate Educational Programs
- Student Affairs
- Professional Educational Programs

Dr. Hermanns asked that the Faculty Council Committee members remain optimistic and convey an attitude of, “Let’s see what we can do to be mutually beneficial.” The committee will be kept current of all activities via electronic postings on the SBS-SOM Partnership Blackboard Site.

Promotions: Dr. Cuddy shared the agenda for promotions for the NTT Full time Faculty – 2011-2012 Academic Year. The committee discussed the number of promotions that are pending, and reasons why.

Faculty Dinner and Meeting: Dr. Hermanns will recognize the group January 18, 2012 at the Westin Crown Center Hotel. The committee discussed the visibility and role of Faculty Council.

Brief reports and from Council Members: Reports were given, regarding upcoming events, as well as issues of note from respective institutions.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., SOM Dean’s Large Conference Room, 1st Floor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.