

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY

Fellow board members:

Thanks so much to all of you who were able to join for our teleconference meeting on Friday the 14th. It was a great discussion, and I'm excited not only about the direction the School is going, but also about the opportunities during our upcoming April 2017 meeting and reunion weekend.

For those of you who weren't able to join on Friday, I wanted to provide just a quick recap: Dean Kanter shared that the study he'd commissioned about why so many of the SOM graduates are in leadership roles continues to develop. They have made paper and presentation submissions of the findings so far. He continues to look for ways to tell the story of the school and its graduates. He also shared that the SOM had three presentations accepted at the highly competitive AMEE conference in Europe this summer, and they provided a 90 minute workshop on our docent system. The conference had attendees from six continents.

The dean reported that the accreditation site visits for the residency programs appear to have gone well, and they are awaiting the final results. They have applied for a new endocrinology program and plan to submit for a new neurology residency program as well in partnership with Truman, St. Luke's Children's Mercy and others. The dean has hired two new faculty that he highlighted to us – a new associate dean for research (Paula Nichols, a developmental neurobiologist) and a new associate dean for women's health (Gary Sutkin, a urogynecologist and expert in pelvic reconstructive surgery).

Finally, the dean updated us on the Sojourner Clinic (the student-run free health clinic) and new efforts to modernize the clinic and update its compliance and regulatory procedures under the direction of family medicine chair Mike O'Dell. There seemed to be

significant interest from the board (as there is from the Friends of Medicine parent group) in learning more about the clinic and its needs for support.

Steven Norris, president of the UMKC Foundation, updated us on the recently completed capital campaign for UMKC, which ended at \$302.5 million, well over its \$250 million goal. The next campaign will have a focus on Hospital Hill, and he outlined some of the priorities and projects that might be included, such as simulation labs, research teams and new facilities (a possible new building). The Foundation is gathering priorities and will begin work on narrowing the goals and the feasibility studies for the campaign in the coming year.

Raymond Cattaneo brought us an update on the year one and two students and some of the new advising techniques they are using with those groups. The year one class is 112, with 65 being in-state and 38 from the region/Midwest. Thirteen percent are from rural Missouri. The year two class had a 95 percent retention rate. We discussed how the board might interact with and help years one and two students better understand what SOM alumni are doing, and we agreed to explore some type of interaction for the board with that group during our April meeting weekend.

Raymond also provided an update on the Alumni Advisor program on behalf of career services. More than 40 alumni and 43 students have signed up, and 23 students have been assigned to 21 alumni as advisors. The ones who have not been matched are seeking surgical subspecialties where we still need alumni to sign up for the program (ENT, orthopedic surgery, dermatology and plastic surgery, as well as internal medicine and psychiatry). We will send another push to the alumni base with those specialties requested. Here is the link if you haven't yet signed up:

<http://www.umkcalumni.com/s/1236/16/index.aspx?sid=1236&gid=1&pgid=2181>

Finally, we developed some of the content plans for our April meeting, which will be April 21 at the School. The UMKC Alumni Awards luncheon is April 20, and the Medicine reunion weekend will be April 21-22. Please save the date on your calendars. I hope you can each make plans to attend the events and the meeting in Kansas City. Look for more details soon.

Thank you again for all your continued interest in and support of our alma mater,

Mark Ediger, M.D.

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