National Board of Alumni and Partners Meeting  
Friday, April 20, 2018 | Dean’s Large Conference Room | 10:00am – 4:00pm CST

Members participating  
Tracy Stevens, Lisa Campbell, Diana Dark, Milton Grin, Alexander Norbash, Mamta Reddy, Susan Storm, Michael Weaver, Ralph Wuebker, Grace Rector  
Call-in, John Younger  
Staff, Fred Schlichting

Board Meeting Call to Order  
Tracy called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Chancellor’s Report  
Chancellor Bichelmeyer began by thanking the board.

The School of Medicine is in great condition and they should be proud. The LCME Site Visit concluded this week with a positive exit report. Dean Kanter will be leaving June 29 and the transition to identify a new dean is underway. An interim dean will be named by May 15. The Chancellor is developing a leadership profile and will host a series of forums beginning next week.

Next dean will have community relations and philanthropic challenge to improve facilities, strengthen research, grow Health Sciences District, and engage alumni. University leadership is developing a capital campaign strategy anticipating our UMKC Centennial in 2033. The SOM will be central to the funding.

The Chancellor led a question and answer session addressing the following issues of the dean search:

- Dean must have presence in the community with strategic marketing and communications follow-up
- We must use data for bridge-building in our community and to other schools. Dean must address what consumers want in order to develop a sustainable funds flow model for school.
- New Chancellor Agrawal will be good for SOM and his vision of user center design aligns with school’s goals.
- The dean search will be robust and comprehensive in order to set up success. We must look at the disposition and personality of each candidate as well as the range of accomplishments.
- Need a shuttle diplomat, translator dean to lead community initiatives. Someone who understands the exponential growth of medicine.
- UMKC SOM is unique, non-traditional. This is a great narrative. We have passion for our past. Now with hospitals, doctors, and schools unbundling, more medical programs are moving toward our model.

Chancellor Bichelmeyer will send leadership profile to Tracy to share with the board.
Dean’s Office Report
Dr. Paul Cuddy presented, Building on a Strong Foundation (slides attached).

- LCME – positive exit report, final report in October
- 2018 Match – 96.2% match rate, many notable residency programs
- Admissions – 133 offers to fill 103 spots
- Recent Department Chair appointments
- Recent Associate & Assistant Dean appointments
- Purple Docent Units at St. Luke’s Hospital
- “Medical School Factors That Prepare Students to Become Leaders in Medicine,” Academic Medicine. The link to the full article can be found here.
- New UMKC Chancellor C. Mauli Agrawal, PhD, P.E.
- SOM leadership transition
- UMKC Health Sciences District (video)

Discussion included lack of educational funding in the state and effects this has on our tuition. More tuition data requested.

UMKC Foundation Report
Jay Wilson shared excitement on arrival of new Chancellor Agrawal. Dr. Agrawal is here “for the long haul” and has plans to invest in the Health Sciences District. The Board of Curators 5-year plan includes HSD as a top three initiative along with UMKC Conservatory expansion and Spencer Labs renovation. Discussion included UMKC’s economic impact in the state. (Click here for more information.) UMKC’s next capital campaign will begin in a silent phase in 2019. Currently, 8% of School of Medicine alumni give to UMKC. We need a change our culture of giving.

School of Medicine Tours
Grace Rector led a tour of the school that include the new Department of Bioinformatics, the new Student Wellness Center, and the Youngblood Medical Skills Lab.

Student Affairs Report
Dr. Brenda Rogers presented the organizational chart for Student Affairs and how we work to support admissions and match. She then led a discussion on how alumni may better engage with current students.

Advancement Report
Fred updated on recent activities including Swinging for Sojourner. Discussion included future events and meetings to include a “packet of charges” for the board. Follow up with the board to include: 1. Input to the Dean’s search selection committee. 2. Understanding of the board’s role in fundraising.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm CST.