



National Board of Alumni and Partners Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 | Conference Center at St. Luke's | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Members Participating:

Dr. Tracy Stevens, Dr. Alexander Norbash, Dr. Mangesh Oza, Dr. Joe Goldenberg, Dr. Monica Farley, Dr. Gene LeSage, Dr. Lisa Campbell, Dr. John Bealer, Dr. Diana Dark, Dr. DeeAnna Glaser, Dr. Michele Kilo, Dr. Mamta Reddy, Dr. Susan Storm, Dr. Thomas Toth, Dr. Michael Weaver, Dr. Ralph Wuebker, Dr. Douglas Reed & Dr. Danielle Sperry

UMKC Faculty & Special Guests:

Interim Dean Mary Anne Jackson, Curt Crespino, Sophie Seigfreid, and Ex-Officio Member- Timothy Weber

Board Meeting Call to Order

Dr. Tracy Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Dr. Tracy Stevens, Dean Mary Anne Jackson, Curt Crespino, Dr. Susan Storm, and Dr. Mangesh Oza were all in attendance in-person at St. Luke's Hospital. Introductions were made around the table and via teleconference to the rest of the participating members.

Dr. Tracy Stevens enthusiastically introduced the three new members of the board: **Dr. Mangesh Oza, Dr. Monica Farley, and Dr. Joe Goldenberg**. The introductions of the new members sparked a welcoming and fun banter among the other board members.

Bylaws

The National Board bylaws were briefly discussed, and Curt Crespino announced an electronic vote will be sent out to the members to officially approve the proposed revisions. The bylaws submitted for review are in line with the University's Alumni Governing Board requirements and have been reviewed and guided by the Central Alumni Office.

Dean's Report

Dean Mary Anne Jackson provided a thoughtful & informative presentation on the current state of the School of Medicine and what the future looks like for the school in the next several years.

- Interim Dean Jackson identified goals for herself as Dean, and for the School of Medicine for the near future. The goals focused on visibility, engagement, fostering diversity, improving the physical Medical campus, building leadership and collaborative relationships, improving scores and research, and finally strengthening relationships with alumni across the globe.
- There was a particular emphasis on improving the physical infrastructure of the School of Medicine buildings. Dean Jackson talked about initiatives to improve learning spaces and facilities ranging from restrooms, outdoor spaces, the canteen, and the humanities room. There was also discussion of the cost to renovate and expand the theatres and docent units in the School of Medicine.



- Dean Jackson discussed the building of research in the School of Medicine by increasing mentorships, recruiting established researchers, grant writers, adding metrics for success for current researchers, developing talent and channeling new opportunities.
- There was conversation of giving opportunities for the School of Medicine, and the places where alumni can improve the experiences of the students from helping upgrade/update Match Day, classroom spaces, and scholarships.
- Dean Jackson announced some exciting news to the board of her vision and plans for an additional UMKC School of Medicine campus, which will be located in Saint Joseph, Missouri. It will provide primary healthcare to Northwest Missouri counties, including rural counties. It will be in partnership with Mosaic Life Care, which is a medical center in Saint Joseph and a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. This additional UMKC School of Medicine campus will allow 20 more students to be admitted to the School of Medicine every year.
- *After the meeting, there were some questions regarding the price of renovations for the Docent Units within the School of Medicine. To clarify this question, the cost to renovate the Docent Units in the School of Medicine is an estimated \$15 Million.*

National Search

- The National Search for a new School of Medicine Dean was discussed amongst the board. It was announced that Interim Dean Jackson will continue to serve in that capacity during the search process for a new Dean. In a more long-term capacity, Dean Jackson has been newly appointed as the Special Advisor to the Chancellor on Health Affairs.

Upcoming Festivities

- Take Wing Nominations for May Lecture and Commencement Ceremony
- Alumni Awards and the School of Medicine Class Reunion on April 24-25, 2020
- 50th Anniversary Gala for the School of Medicine will take place on September 25th, 2021

Election of Dr. Ralph Wuebker

- There was a unanimous vote to have Dr. Ralph Wuebker at the helm of the board as President.
- Election of the new Chair Dr. Ralph Wuebker took place – He is now the current president of the National Board of Alumni for the UMKC School of Medicine

Conclusion

It was a very successful teleconference, which welcomed 3 new members, updated the board on the future of UMKC, and celebrated the next chapter of the board with Dr. Ralph Wuebker as President. The board looks forward to an in-person meeting on Friday, April 24th, 2020 on Alumni Reunion Weekend at the School of Medicine.