



National Board of Alumni and Partners Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 | Teleconference Call | 6:00pm – 7:00pm CST

Members participating

Tracy Stevens, Mark Ediger, John Bealer, Lisa Campbell, Diana Dark, Lisa Fitzpatrick, Dee Anna Glaser, Michele Kilo, Gene Le Sage, Mamta Reddy, Susan Storm, Ralph Wuebker, John Younger, Tim Weber

Special guest, Mary Anne Jackson

Staff, Fred Schlichting

Board Meeting Call to Order

Tracy called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Approval of minutes

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2018 meeting. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

President's Report, Tracy Stevens

Tracy updated the board on Chancellor Agrawal's activities. He has completed numerous welcome events and visits – including two meetings with the UMKC Alumni Governing Board. He will host a state of the university address in November and begin executing stated plans. More details to follow.

We are also lucky to be joined by interim dean Mary Anne Jackson, M.D. Tracy and Mary Anne have had an initial meeting to work on planning for future board engagement – including our SOM 50 year celebration in 2021.

Divisional Reports

- Student, Tim Weber
 - Student research increasing in frequency and quality
 - Health Science District Fair well-attended
 - Student Wellness Wing on 5th floor becoming oasis for student relaxation
 - Alumni Checkup newsletter connects students and alumni board
- Advancement, Fred Schlichting
 - NBAP account balance = \$6,922
 - Alumni outreach event development continues with receptions planned for Nov 1 in Austin, TX and Nov 8 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Special guest – Mary Anne Jackson, M.D. '78, Interim Dean

Tracy introduced Mary Anne and offered support from the board as she begins her role as dean.

Mary Anne briefly shared some [personal and professional background](#) as it relates to her appointment. She has retained some of her national roles at Children's Mercy in order to maintain status within professional organizations and add prestige to the school. She will bring vision, integrity and passion by being engaged, visible, and transparent. She is excited to be here and has received a warm welcome.



Mary Anne noted our proven formula for developing outstanding graduates and will continue honoring the core foundation of our school: early introduction to clinical medicine, encouraging peer mentoring and fellowship, and docent system. However, we need a more flexible curriculum that allows for regular remediation; more opportunities for enrichment that may include professional development, and/or research opportunities; and an enhanced emphasis on professionalism.

Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of individuals and populations through innovative educational programs in medicine and biomedical sciences, cutting-edge biomedical research, and leadership in academic medicine. The SOM strives to implement the mission with the highest professional and ethical standards, in a culture of diversity and inclusiveness and in an environment that enables each individual to develop to full potential.

Our alumni are essential to move the school forward and Mary Anne will need the board's help. Some of our needs include funding to update existing facilities and security, move forward with planning and construction of new medical school, grow research programs, expand the physician assistant program, and create more student scholarships.

Many on the call congratulated Mary Anne and expressed pride in having an alumni dean. Many offered words of encouragement and support.

Yes, Mary Anne wants the full-time role as dean to provide guidance and continuity through (at least) 2021 when we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a school of medicine. That said, she serves at the discretion of the Chancellor. We don't know the Chancellor's vision for the school nor his understanding of our BA/MD program. The Chancellor has laid plans to address the conservatory and athletics before the health sciences. He plans to grow enrollment from 12,000 to 24,000 in the next 10 years. He wants to increase research, service based learning opportunities, and data science.

The board suggested a meeting with the Chancellor and options were discussed. All agreed a separate, targeted meeting request be made in the near future. Mary Anne, Tracy, and Fred will work on this request.

Mary Anne finished by thanking the board for their work and dedication.

Upcoming Volunteer Needs/Alumni Events/Initiatives

Alumni-student pizza night in residence halls

- Volker: Oak Street and Johnson Halls – Thursday, November 29th from 5:15pm – 6:30pm
- Hospital Hill Apartments – Monday, December 3rd from 5:15pm – 6:30pm

Alumni Reunion: Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 7, 2019

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm