UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2015
5:30 - 6:30 PM
SOM Dean’s Conference Room M243

Present: Eliav Gov-Ari, Michael Brown, Susan Zurowski, Sue Boren, Elizabeth Parks, Raymond Foster, Joel Jeffries, Maike Krenz, Mahish Thakkar

Absent: Dennis Lubahn, Camila Manrique

1. ACCORD Survey- The accord survey was made available and discussed. It was originally discussed at a prior meeting but the report was not available to the committee at that time. The discussion today was fairly brief with all in agreement that individual schools/colleges were shown acceptable and equal treatment.

2. E-mail proliferation- A lively discussion regarding the out of control numbers of emails we all receive on a daily basis. Many are not pertinent to the recipients and are announcements of such things as birthday celebration. It was discussed that a mechanism to decrease email numbers should be initiated. There was concern that the proliferation of “spam” like emails could lead to important emails being missed by the recipient.

3. A discussion of the article in Saturday’s Columbia Tribune pertaining to the report of the ad hoc committee from the campus Faculty Council was discussed. Many had not seen the article or the report and the decision was made to distribute the newspaper article for all to review and then forward any comments to Dr Gov-ari or place as an agenda item in a future meeting.

4. A lengthy discussion regarding research and our mission to produce research occurred. Many valid and pertinent points were brought forth by members including reasons for our current successes and current failures. All agreed that the Dean Dellafontaine was dedicated to fostering of research.

5. The announcement that Dr. Hal Williamson would retire followed by the announcement he would not be replaced caused concern among members of the committee and it was decided to approach Dr Misfeldt regarding the possibility that Chancellor Loftin could attend one of our meetings in the future to address our questions. Dr Gov-Ari will contact Dr Misfeldt.

6. The Chair survey is to be distributed this week and all were encouraged to have their individual departments actively engage in responding to the survey.

Respectfully submitted.

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Secretary FAC Committee