An acknowledgement and “Thank You” was extended to Dr Les Hall for his service as interim Dean.

Dr. R Brown was recognized for receiving AAMC award for Exemplary Service.

Dr. K Hoffman was recognized for published excellence in Medical Teaching.

Preparation for the upcoming LCME accreditation in January of 2016 is underway.

Dr Delafontaine then briefly outlined his upcoming areas of emphasis

1. Research—improve our AAU status is very important which included resurgence of Clinical Research Center. Key leaders and appointments were presented

2. Patient Care—continue to increase our market share and note of our current standing as No. 9 nationally in area of quality and accountability which was 56th nationally in 2012. He also mentioned our success in areas of Health Network, Stroke treatment, and National accreditation of University Physicians clinics

3. Philanthropy—several recent gifts

4. Fundraising—in early stages of development of an Eye and Ear Institute

5. Top Priorities were department level leadership with recruitment of chairs for Medicine, surgery and Anesthesiology. Create more research space. CTSA awards, Enhance efforts to join NIH consortium and establishment of Springfield clinical campus.

6. There will be an upcoming mini-retreat in March to address these issues.

Faculty Affairs Council report by Dr. Eliav Gov-ari

i. The mission of the FAC was outlined and their role in faculty rights, establishing and monitoring elections for SOM committees

ii. Recent activity was outlined and upcoming important issues such as committee elections, chair survey by faculty, meeting with Drs Misfeldt and Delafontaine and a University physician representative.

Committee on Student Promotion report was given by Dr. Will Roland

A. Dr Roland outlined student progress for each class which included pass, fail and leave of absence.
B. Class numbers of students that had required a vote for dismissal were presented as were student resignations.

- Curriculum Board report was given by Dr. Thomas Mawhinney
  - Dr. Mawhinney presented the composition of the committee as well as their mission.
  - He discussed the presence of all documents on SharePoint.
  - He discussed the importance and preparation for the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) visit in January of 2016 and other upcoming events on their calendar.
  - Upcoming events included an Education day on April 9, 2015 for which a handout of events and speakers was provided.
  - Additionally, a handout defining the process for nominating and requirements for Teaching Excellence Awards was provided.

- Committee on Admissions report and report of Pre-Professional Scholars were both given by Dr. James Stevermer
  1) He outlined current year and past years vital statistics and demographics of applicants. This included GPAs, MCAT scores, instate versus out of state residence. Statistics for underrepresented minority applicants was presented.
  2) Changes in upcoming MCAT scoring were depicted and their impact on admission years where both formats are presented by applicants.
  3) The report of pre-professional scholars (Bryant Scholars) was also reported displaying vital statistics and demographics.

- Research Council report was presented by Dr. John Thyfault
  I. Dr. Thyfault and colleague provided some of the obstacles encountered but focused on current efforts and initiatives to increase and improve our research efforts including focusing on internal and external grant funding.
  II. Improved research activity using a dynamic tool of “My vitae” and “Pivot”
  III. Increase online exposure utilizing current forms of social media such as you tube etc.