**UMKC Research Advisory Council**

**(Draft Structure and Charge)**

**Purpose:** The Research Advisory Council is a campus-wide committee charged with an advisory role to the Provost and the Chancellor on matters relating to research and scholarship at UMKC.

**Structure:** The Council will have appointed membership from across the campus serving 3-year staggered terms. The membership will include at least 1 faculty member from each academic unit, and representation from each of the various sub-disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences (i.e. Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts), the UMKC Libraries, Faculty Senate, and the UMKC Staff Council. Ex Officio membership will include the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development (Chair), Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, and Director of Sponsored Programs.

**Proposed Charge:** The Research Advisory Council will serve in an advisory capacity to the Provost and the Chancellor with the intended goal of the overall advancement of scholarship, research, and sponsored programs at UMKC.

**Specific functions will include (but are not limited to):**

1. Serving as the primary committee engaged in discussions on research/research operations, sponsored programs and scholarship; and, in an advisory role to the Administration on issues pertaining to these matters.
2. Become familiar with the operations of the Office of Research Services, including budget and staffing, and disseminate useful information to the faculty and staff.
3. Aid the Faculty Senate in the discussion of matters pertaining to research
4. Propose and develop strategies aimed at increasing research opportunities and funding at UMKC.
5. Review research administration policies and procedures in an attempt to improve administrative efficiencies, streamline grant submissions, and removal of administrative barriers to research at UMKC.
6. Support student research activities (undergraduate and granduate)
7. Provide a reviewer pool for internal competitive funding opportunities
8. Development of policies impacting the research enterprise (i.e. space utilization, research investment, campus funding opportunities, etc.)
9. Strategic planning development and implementation
10. Oversight of F&A distribution