Administrative/Support Functions & Costs Task Force 2016

Office of Research Services Task Force

HSB 2306 3:00PM-4:30PM

Attendance: Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Mark Hecker, Dr. Kenneth Schmitz, Dr. Thomas Menees, Dr. Jeffrey Rydberg-Cox, and Ms. Laura Crystal

Dr. Sarah Dallas joined at 4:00pm

Agenda:

Discussion on ORS survey results and identify strength and areas where improvements are required. Discussion on faculty interview process and develop general questionnaire for interview.

Update: Chair met with Provost to present committee results so far. Provost said a lot needs to be done and by the deadline. The idea of a grant-writer was thrown out by the provost.

November is the deadline for committee final report, committee should include areas to be in a capital campaign.

Survey Results:

The quantitative results are generally positive, but the high standard deviation shows that there is a wide variation. Committee talks about just using qualitative results in final report with keeping qualitative results in mind.

Next Steps: Each member was assigned sections, will bring analysis to next meeting.

Faculty Interview Process:

Committee would like to interview 10-12 current UMKC employees. A general email will be sent out by Dr. Kumar to all who completed the survey. Committee decided to allow Dr. Dreyfus to recommend names, the committee will decide if they want to interview the recommendations. The committee would also like to interview people who recently left the university. These interviews can be conducted via skype or WebEx. Interviewers will include everyone in the committee who is available.

Questionaire:

Committee decided to use open-ended questions.

Next Steps:

How does the committee want to write the final report?

Report on analysis of each survey question.