**OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES TASK FORCE**

EVALUATION QUESTIONS

1. How does the organizational structure, role, expenditures, and revenue streams of the ORS compare to similar institutions (National Science Foundation-Higher Education Research and Development rating and sister campuses) in meeting the UMKC research mission?
2. What is the turnaround time for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Institutional Review Board (IRB), and other compliance committees, and is it comparable to other similar organizations?
3. What are the internal research funding support and evaluation mechanisms available to UMKC faculty, and how do they compare to similar organizations?
4. What are the mechanisms for ongoing researcher input into the operations of ORS?
5. How does the ORS work with the Research Advisory Council to improve research at UMKC?
6. Is the ORS support of animal care facilities comparable with other similar institutions? How much of the support for LARC comes from indirects versus user fees?
7. How does the ORS ensure and monitor investigator compliance with the appropriate regulations?
8. What is the role and mission of the Institute for Human Development and the Innovation Center within ORS and how are they supporting the UMKC research mission?
9. What is the ORS strategic plan/vision for enhancing research and funding success at UMKC?

INITIAL SOURCE OF DATA TO BE ASSEMBLED

* Comparison of UMKC Office of Research Services (ORS) Organizational Chart to that of similar universities (task force will need an updated organizational chart)
* Last three years of actual financial results for ORS (FY13, FY14, FY15)
* 5 year Audit Report for ORS
* Annual reports for ORS (available online)

OTHER INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED/INTERVIEWS

* Survey data and information (as generated by task force). Please see appendix-1 for survey questions.
* Interview 7-10 current and past UMKC researchers involved in research involving different disciplines at UMKC.
* Interview Provost Bichelmeyer, Vice Chancellor Dreyfus and other officers from ORS as needed

TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF EVALUATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

Action item Target completion date

Assemble initial data package and deliver to Task Force members April 26, 2016

First meeting of full Task Force May 1st week

Launch Survey May 10th, 2016

Interview Researchers (Faculty) May 15-30, 2016

Interim report June 20, 2016

Second meeting of full Task Force Last week of June 2016

Implement any action plan if approved by task force

Interview Provost, VCR and if any officer from ORS

Second draft of interim report July 30, 2016

Third meeting of full Task Force First week of August 2016

Implement if any other survey questions come up August 2016

Third draft of interim research report September 15, 2016

Fourth Task force meeting if needed Last week of September, 2016

Final (and comprehensive) report of Task Force October 15, 2016