Administrative/Support Functions & Costs Task Force 2016

Office of Research Services Task Force

Rockhill 5211 3:00PM-4:30PM

Attendance: Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Mark Hecker, Dr. Lawrence Dreyfus, Dr. Kenneth Schmitz, Ms. Maureen Hannoun, Dr. Anthony Caruso, Dr. Thomas Menees, and Ms. Laura Crystal

Not in Attendance: Dr. Sarah Dallas, Dr. Jeffrey Rydberg- Cox

Agenda: Review and finalize the Evaluation Plan and Survey Question documents.

Dr. Dreyfus in response to Dr. Schmitz’s email:

“The fact that there are problems with the ORS is manifested by the mere existence of this Task Force.” Dr. Dreyfus disagreed with this statement and referenced the charge of the committee, which is to evaluate the overall functions of the ORS. Dr. Schmitz explained that his comments were only to highlight the importance of improvement in the ORS.

Survey Questions:

The survey questions were approved by the committee. The questions will now go to REDcap for a prototype, which the committee will then review. Dr. Kumar reported that as per recommendation of Dr. Wyckoff, questions about ISD and Innovation have been taken out of the survey as they are mostly grant-funded. These entities will still be investigated under the Evaluation Plan.

Evaluation Plan:

Committee made edits to the Evaluation Plan. Dr. Caruso questioned what was meant by “comparable universities” in the plan. Committee decided that research would be done through the National Science Foundation – Higher Education Research and Development. These universities should be urban medical campuses, with similar enrollment and funding. Dr. Dreyfus suggested also looking at the UMKC sister campuses to draw inferences and explore similar operating structures.

Next Steps:

Committee will review survey prototype, once developed.

Committee will approve the Evaluation Questions and then send to provost.

Dr. Kumar will gather information about the number and type of researchers that will be interviewed.

ORS internal staff will revise the Timeline for Completion of Evaluations and Submission of Reports.