Members Present: Marvin Querry, Denny Schemmel, Ronald MacQuarrie, Nancy Mills, William Morgan, Mary Anne Morgenegg, Sandy VanEngelenhoven, Rita Messina, Merton Shatzkin, Reaner Shannon, Dick Hetherington, Dale Neuman, Patricia Hovis-French

Members absent: Dorothy Powell, Ted Sheldon, David Tanquary,

Guests: Chancellor Leo Morton, Lisa Tammaeus, Kim Rudolph, Kathryn Huston

President Querry called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. and welcomed Chancellor Leo Morton. The following is a summary of Chancellor Leo Morton’s remarks to the group:

Chancellor Morton opened his remarks by thanking the UMKCRA Board for giving him time to provide them with an update on UMKC. He noted that he would also try to answer questions that board members might have. First, however, he thanked them for their support of UMKC, saying that retirees have really supported UMKC in a lot of ways, noting that UMKC has even called some of them back for extended service. He went on to say that he thinks of UMKCRA as advocates for the university. The most important thing UMKC administration can do is give UMKCRA the tools they need to support the effort, which means giving them the information you need. Continuing, Morton stated, “I think you will see from what appears in the media that we are really starting to get the attention of the media. Many people are coming to us with opportunities – we don’t want to be too quick to say no and don’t want to take too long so that they don’t think we just can’t make a decision. Over the next few months you should really be seeing some exciting things – people understand that there is a lot of good news on this campus – rankings are going up – it’s really about people having pride in what is going on.” Morton feels we are making a lot of progress in achieving UMKC’s fundamental mission which is to educate folks who are seeking an education and to do research and support the needs of this community and the whole country. He touched briefly on the battle of financial support and the need to find ways to support the growth. He emphasized that state support is something that will continue to decrease over time.
Tuition income is important though, and the curators support our efforts to increase enrollment. The last couple of years have increased the headcount, and the credit hour count is also increasing.
Students tell us they have a great educational experience here, and as we grow enrollment, we have to have a place for the students. We will see a lot of construction this year – including the new parking garage and increased classroom capacity next to Miller Nichols Library and in the old student center. In addition, Morton noted, retirees will hear about some other facilities expansion coming up and donations supporting that. In terms of personnel, he reported, we’ve been fairly stable, stating that we’ve had to first stabilize the leadership. In this respect, he reported, UMKC just recently hired someone to replace Rick Anderson and has an opening for a new vice chancellor for communications and information. He emphasized that UMKC’s reputation is very much dependent on people hearing about us – getting our story out. We haven’t talked about our many successes – Dental School, Medical School program, Bloch School rankings, etc. To date, we’re not getting the message out the way we
should. He believes that when he can walk through the sports apparel department at JC Penny and see a sign that says “UMKC apparel on back order,” we will be on the right track!

Morton also responded to questions about rumors that the Conservatory might be relocating to the Performing Arts Center and about the status of the presidential search. Querry thanked the Chancellor for his remarks and the group resumed the agenda as printed.

**Approval of minutes of the May 4, 2011 UMKCRA Board Meeting** — *Patricia Hovis-French, Secretary:* On motion (Hetherington / Messina) The minutes were approved pending editorial corrections to the Emeritus College section by Nancy Mills.

**UMKCRA’s new website:** *Richard Hetherington and Kathryn Houston* — The group was advised that, as they looked at the presentation of the website, to consider the conceptual pattern. Hetherington requested a vote from the Board to launch website by the end of the month. He also asked Board members to look at the information being presented in “time slots” — Current information — forward and backward about 3 months. On motion (Hetherington / MacQuarrie) unanimously approved for official launch by the end of this month.

**Treasurer’s report** — Marvin Querry brought the group up-to-date on Ted Sheldon’s health condition and distributed written reports.

**Finance committee** — Ted Sheldon — no report

**Program Committee** — *Mary Anne Morgenegg, chair:* Morgenegg reported that 70 tickets, at a reduced price of $52.50 per ticket, for the November 18 Alvin Alley event have been reserved for UMKCRA members. The money must be to Alley no later than 30 days prior to performance. This event will also be announced on the alumni website. Morgenegg spoke to the house manager at Kaufman and while the tours have been frozen until the grand opening in Sept, sometime between then and October a tour might be arranged. Morgenegg said the committee thought the group might be interest in Charlie Parker Birthday bash, but are concerned about walking conditions. Phil Feil will be the person from that committee to look at the website. The program committee is also considering information on estate planning, etc. and also discussing insurance information in conjunction with benefits committee. They hope to have entertainment rather than a speaker at the December luncheon.

**Nomination Committee** — *Nancy Mills, chair:* Mills presented the following slate of candidates:

- Vice President/President Elect (Vice President, 2012, and President 2013) — **Bill Morgan**
- Treasurer: **Ted Sheldon**
- Board Members (three year terms starting 1/1/2012: **Rita Messina, Jane Vogl, Glen Harrington**
- Board Member (two year term completing two years of Bill Morgan’s term starting 1/1/12: **Merton Shatzkin**

Dale Neuman would like to have bios of people on slate to include in newsletter and he shared an example of the type of biographical information needed. President Querry accepted the motion from the Nominations Committee to accept slate. Motion carried.
Mills noted that the bylaws list positions for both secretary and corresponding secretary. The committee wondered whether, since the corresponding secretary position has never been filled, should the two be merged. They also wondered whether the Historian position should be filled by someone with computer access. Dale suggested we might have an UMKCRA history link on website, and have someone who is proactive provide the information. Mills just wanted to bring these questions up for consideration. Query said the Board could take it under advisement and consider it more fully at the November meeting.

**Benefits Committee** – Ron MacQuarrie, chair: MacQuarrie reported that the Committee met to follow up on the survey conducted earlier this year. As a result, he contacted Mary Anne Morgenegg to see if she might be of help in setting up some of the programs retirees suggested. As part of the follow-up to that survey, UMKCRA members now have 20% discount to Rep season tickets. Glenn Harrington, an employee of School of Dentistry for many years who always attended Dental Clinic for dental care and always got 5% discount as part of benefits package, followed up with phone calls and discovered that the benefit was discontinued without our knowledge. The committee will do a survey to make sure that all other benefits advertised are still operative. That’s their immediate project.

**Membership Committee** – David Tanquary, chair: Tanquary submitted the following written report – The Membership Committee met July 8. It explored and discussed several matters pertaining to the committee and its objectives and activities, but it has nothing to report to the Board about the discussions in which it engaged and no specific recommendations to make to the Board. Current membership totals 330. Before the next Board meeting, the committee will become engaged in recruiting retirees for membership who have not yet become members, especially 2011 retirees, but also retirees of the past few years.

**Communications Committee** – Richard Hetherington, chair (written report submitted which includes the url to website.) UMKCRA benefits for members are not listed or identified on website. Hetherington asked Board members send him information

**Recognition Committee** – Nancy Mills, chair: Committee members have been traveling a lot this year and have not been able to meet until just before this meeting. Hoping can at least pilot the awards this year. The group recommends the following:

- **Retired faculty awards:** To be given to a faculty retiree for outstanding contributions to the university and their profession during their retirement. To be eligible, faculty who have been full-time faculty and retired – officially retired – cannot be an officer or member of recognition committee and be nominated that year. The difference between the previous draft and current one is – teaching, research, scholarship and/or professional activities. If teaching, research scholarship, etc. are to be considered, these need to be added to description in bylaws. Suggest if using as a pilot this year, the deadline be set by the end of the day in the first Monday in December.
- **Staff retiree awards:** Recommend consider post-retiree activities again, with board members, etc. not eligible – service to university, UMKCRA, community, service to enhance the overall
quality of the university experience for students. Submission deadline and nominating
procedures the same as faculty award. Nancy Mills would like to submit the documents
changed (as described here) via email and to be approved by return emails. Electronic voting.
Note that there might be somewhat of a problem in that the current nominations committee
collects nominations, but the next year’s nominations committee makes the award decision. By
consensus, the Board agreed it was acceptable to distribute recommendations to board by email
and conduct an electronic vote. Mills will distribute information by Friday, with comments back
due by Wednesday so that final form could be in next newsletter. On motion (Shannon/
Morgenegg) Recommend accept the report with the information Nancy has outlined. Motion
carried. Another thing the committee talked about was that a letter needs to go to deans,
directors, etc. where people might have an opportunity nominate individuals, etc.

**Ad hoc committee on Volunteering** -- Bill Morgan, chair: (Written report attached) The Committee
proposed a change to bylaws to change committee to a standing committee. This would become
section 3H of the bylaws. The proposal needs to be put into newsletter for vote on at next business
meeting in December. On motion (Neumann / VanEngelenhoven) Accept proposed change to bylaws.
Motion carried. Bill also discussed ways in which volunteering opportunities and responses could be
included in website. Dale Neumann wondered whether there is some way to monitor the volunteer
hours put in for campus. Could at least report numbers signed up. A brief discussion about this and
related issues ensued. [get report from MQ]

**Newsletter for August**-- Dale Neuman: Neuman reported that he had backed away from producing an
“all retirees” august newsletter because need a “users manual’ for website. He also needs updated
information from the UM System about Sept 2010 performance of benefits plan on website. So, the
November newsletter will be to ALL retirees and include both types of information. Dale needs
information / electronic committee reports / Kim needs help folding, etc.

There being no New Business the meeting adjourned, on motion by Bill Morgan, at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hovis-French, UMKCRA Secretary

Attachments:

- Treasurer's Report / Balance Sheet / Incomes & Expenses report
- Program Committee report
- Nominations Committee report
- Communications Committee report
- Ad hoc Volunteering Committee report
UMKC Retiree’s Association
Treasurer’s Report
July 17, 2011

The UMKC Retiree’s Association continues in strong financial condition. The Association completed the first six months of 2011 with total assets of $13,630.71, including $7,597.08 in the quasi-endowment account and $6,033.63 in the operating account. This amounts to an increase in total funds of $584.16 since January 1, 2011. During the first half of 2011, income amounted to $3,750.00 and expenses amounted to $3,165.84. No earnings have been received on funds being transferred to the University from the Capitol Federal Saving Bank certificate of deposit because the process of creating the “quasi-endowment” is not complete. Thus that balance remains $7,597.08. Also notable, income from life memberships amounted to $1,700.00, and annual membership income amounted to $970.00.

Comparing actual income for the period with budgeted amounts, receipts are $1,025.06 below the budgeted amount. The Chancellor’s support has not been received as of June 30 causing this shortfall. On the expense side of the ledger, budgeted expenses amounted to $4,775.14 and actual expenses have amounted to $2,240.23. Actual expenses have amounted to less than half of budgeted expenses. Taken as a whole, the Association is $1,509.85 ahead of budget for the first half of 2011.

Accompanying this report are the following spreadsheets which explain these figures more fully.

2. Income and Expense by Category, January 1 through June 33, 2011
3. Income and Expense, Actual vs. Budget, 1st Half 2011

Lastly, paper work to create the “quasi-endowment” within the University using proceeds from the Capitol Federal certificate of deposit is still awaiting signature by University officials. When the agreement is signed copies will be provided to Board members.

Submitted by Ted Sheldon, Treasurer
July 17, 2011
UMKC Retirees Association
Income and Expense by Category, January 1 through June 30, 2011

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Ted Sheldon, Treasurer
UMKC Retiree's Assn.
Balance Sheet
2011 Quarterly thru June 30 2011

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Ted Sheldon, Treasurer
MINUTES
UMKCRA PROGRAM COMMITTEE
August 1, 2011

Present: Phil Feil, Marj Finley, Nancy Mills, Mary Anne Morgenegg (Chair), Kim Rudolph (Staff)

Absent: Dorothy Powell, Denny Schemmel

The Program Committee met from approximately 10 to 11:30 AM in the Swope Park Room at the Administrative Center.

DISCUSSION AGENDA
Upcoming events:
Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
Kauffman Performing Arts Center
Friday, November 18, 2011; curtain at 7:30 PM
In previous meetings, the committee decided to offer group rate tickets to a performance of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. $70 mezzanine seating tickets can be purchased for $52.50. A minimum of 10 tickets must be reserved to qualify for this price. Kim Rudolph will be able to accept payment for tickets, either in the form of credit cards or checks via the Alumni Association website. It’s anticipated that many members will take advantage of this opportunity.

In order to make sure that a sufficient number of tickets can be secured, it was decided to cut off ticket sales at some date certain within three weeks of announcing the event to the general membership. Mary Anne Morgenegg will speak to Denise LaBranch at Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey to see if a certain number of tickets can be held for the organization.

In terms of publicity, the event will be added to the website calendar and the UMKCRA newsletter. Also discussed was sending post cards to members in a seven-county area and an email blast. Kim was asked if the university had the ability to send automated phone messages to members. She said she would check.

Charlie Parker Birthday
A decision was made to not publicize the event this year.

School of Nursing Simulation Laboratory
Mary Anne will check to see if tours are offered during the school year.

Tour of Kauffman Performing Arts Center
No additional group tours will be scheduled until the after the grand opening weekend, September 16-18. We’ve been placed on the waiting list and should be able to arrange a tour sometime from September 19th through October. Lisa Glazer from Kauffman will be calling to let us know what dates are available. The tour is primarily “front of house” and typically lasts 60 to 90 minutes.

Salisbury Jazz – February, 2012 (tentative)
Possible activity
**Faculty Spotlight** (January or March) possibly on Robert Stewart, current editor of New Letters. Marj will contact him.

**Tea honoring Women’s Club** (tentative) April/May 2012

**Holiday Luncheon and Meeting - December 3, 2011**
Instead of a speaker, the program committee would like to offer some sort of entertainment at the holiday luncheon. Nancy Mills will work with Laura Rupp to plan the menu.

**Benefits Committee Survey – other possible programming**
Ron MacQuarrie and Mary Anne discussed the results of the interest survey. Certain events were identified by the survey.

  - **Benefit (university insurance, retirement benefits) update**

    - There’s a question about who arranges the benefits update for retirees. The program committee is willing to help.

  - **Estate planning**

    - Phil Fell will speak to an attorney who specializes in estate planning to see if he would be willing to present information to the membership.

**UMKCRA Website**
Phil will be reviewing the website prior to its launch.

Submitted by:

Mary Anne Morgenegg
Chair, Program Committee
UMKCRA Nominations Committee Report

Draft July 29, 2011

The UMKCRA Nominations Committee met twice since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. The committee members reported on telephone contacts with potential candidates for open positions for officers and board members. A call for nominations by members of the Board was completed by email. The call for nominations placed in the May newsletter and sent to the UMKCRA membership, yielded no nominations. A draft slate of officers was developed for approval by the UMKCRA Board at the August 3, 2011 meeting (attached). If approved, the bios on candidates will be included in the August/September and November newsletters.

During the discussions about open positions two ideas surfaced for consideration by the board:

1. Should the positions of Secretary and Corresponding Secretary be merged again? The position of corresponding secretary has never been filled since its creation.
2. Should the position of Historian be filled by someone active with the association—such as Leo Sweeney or perhaps Leo Sweeney and Marilyn Burlingame?

The committee reviewed the Nominations Committee description in the By Laws and the Nominations Committee Procedures Guide. It was noted that in the By Laws the membership of the committee is to be the immediate past president and at least two other members appointed by the President. In the procedures guide there is a statement that we are to ensure an equitable distribution between faculty and staff retirees. Unless there are four members of the committee, that is not possible. The chair asked Kim Rudolph if she could generate a list that showed who of the members are staff and who are faculty for use by the committee. She indicated that this is not possible in the current data base. Changes were made in the procedures guide and those changes are attached.
Communications Committee Report
August 3, 2011

The Communications Committee met on July 28th with Kathryn Houston and Kim Rudolph to evaluate the current version of the UMKCRA imodules web site. The purpose of the meeting was to review the site and reach agreement about whether or not to forward the current version to the Board of Directors for their approval at their August meeting. The official launch of the web site, that is the date when the URL for the site is made public, will follow today’s Board meeting by a few weeks while the final critical changes, corrections, additions and deletions are made. It was agreed that the web site is an ongoing project that will require continuous attention before and after the official launch date.

Among the several improvements recommended by the committee was the addition of prominently displayed links inviting retirees to join UMKCRA. Kathryn promised to make all improvements as soon as possible, hopefully before the August 3rd Board meeting. Other discussion topics not resolved included the selection of the site’s Masthead and a possibly different logo chosen from those prepared by the students in the Fine Arts Department. Also, Kathryn was to investigate the possibility of adding an indexing capability to our site for ease of searching for specific information across the entire site. It was generally agreed that adding photos liberally, but judiciously, throughout would make the site more interesting and attractive to visitors.

The Committee believes the current infrastructure provided by imodules is a sufficient robust platform for UMKCRA to realize its goals for the UMKCRA web site. While information available on the site at this time is sometimes missing, incomplete or out of date, the Committee will address these deficiencies before the official launch. Therefore, the Communications Committee requests that the Board of Directors review the current version of the site, recommend to the Committee any additions, corrections or deletions to the current organization of, or content on, the site, and grant the Communications Committee authority to set the official launch date some time later this month, depending on progress over the next few weeks. The Board will have an opportunity for a final review and approval before the official launch.
The url for the current version of the UMKCRA imodules web site is given here so you can preview the site.

The Committee Chair wishes to recognize the extraordinary effort on the parts of Kathryn Houston and Kim Rudolph that has made the August launch of the new UMKCRA web site possible.
A) A draft revision to the bylaws was prepared in collaboration with Dick Hetherington to change the committee status from an ad hoc to a standing committee. For adoption at the December business meeting, this should be placed in the August newsletter, and appropriate changes be proposed in the “Program Committee” section of the bylaws. This follows the template used for the other standing committees.

Volunteering Committee

Members: The Chairperson and at least two other members appointed by the President

Charge: Coordinate and support all UMKCRA volunteering activities

Tasks: The Committee shall:

a) maintain the accuracy, currency and relevance of the information under the Volunteering section on the UMKCRA website
b) provide arrangements and logistics for all volunteering activities
c) maintain the Committee Procedures Guide
d) send newsworthy articles about Committee activities to the Communication Committee for possible inclusion in the UMKCRA newsletter and for posting on the UMKCRA website
e) coordinate UMKCRA volunteering activities with other university and constituent groups community entities, including the Alumni Association, the Development Office and the UMKC Foundation, to support of the University

B) A draft of the material to be used for the Volunteering Committee section of the UMKCRA description of committees in the Board Manual was prepared in collaboration with Dick Hetherington. This is just an expanded version of the material above and also follows the template used by the other committees.

Volunteering Committee

Members:
William T. Morgan, Chair H816-841-4313, O816-235-2596, morganwt@umkc.edu
Mary K. McCamy H816-741-0536, mccamym@umkc.edu
Vicki Barham H913-432-8673, vabarham@gmail.com

Lisen Tammeus, Liason from Alumni Affairs
Susan Hopkins, Advisor to the Committee

Charge:
Coordinate and support all UMKCRA volunteering activities.

Tasks:
1) maintain the accuracy, currency and relevance of the information under the Volunteering section on the UMKCRA website
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5) coordinate UMKCRA volunteering activities with other university and constituent groups community entities, including the Alumni Association, the Development Office and the UMKC Foundation, to support of the University

Possible volunteer activities include: aid fund raising and capital campaigns; serve as consultants to departments, schools and campus groups; serve on committees, boards, and advisory groups at the University; mentor new faculty and staff; help recruit, mentor and retain students; participate in programs to instruct new graduate students in teaching, including international students; host international students in homes; usher at events; assist in student move-in day; staff campus welcome centers; tutor students.

Chair Responsibilities:
The Chair shall:
call meetings of the Committee at least once each quarter,
report to the Board at each quarterly meeting,
supervise the upkeep of the Volunteering section of the UMKCRA website,
help the President identify suitable members for the Committee,
coordinate interactions with the Alumni Association, Deans, Schools and other constituent units,
record volunteer activities (who, what and how much) for reporting to the administration and others.

Staff Support:
Provided as needed by the UMKCRA support personnel and/or by the entity requesting UMKCRA volunteer support.

C) A draft of the material to be used for the Volunteering Committee section of the UMKCRA web site was prepared in collaboration with Dick Hetherington.

UMKCRA iModules Web Site Volunteering Statement

UMKCRA members are proud of their record of volunteering in support of the Mission, Goals and Initiatives of UMKC. Our primary interests are student success and the initiatives of the University, Schools and Departments that seek to increase levels of student achievement and retention. Our other volunteering activities include assisting at UMKC Commencements and Convocations, serving on Planning Committees, aiding fund raising by the UMKC Foundation, and advocating for the welfare of all Retirees.
To view the currently available opportunities for Volunteering, click on Opportunities and to Volunteer, click on Sign Up. Be sure to check this site frequently as opportunities arise throughout the year.

To be notified of future opportunities as they arise by email, add your email address
to the volunteering ListServe.

D) A volunteer opportunity in the past has been student Move-in Days. However, Student Affairs informed Ms. Mann that no additional help would be required this year.

E) **Four other volunteer opportunities** have been identified with the assistance of Ms. Mann. These are:

1) **Student Goody Bag Stuffing**
   Wednesday, Aug 17, 2011 - Resource Room, new Student Union - 1-5 pm (one or two hour shifts)
   Duty: Stuff drawstring bags with Roo pin, Convocation shirt, UnionFest Passport, Transportation Sheet, and Convocation Agenda/Academic Unit Location.

2) **Student Convocation**
   Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011 - noon-1:30 pm.
   Duty: Assist with student check-in at the University Center Walkway, hand out goody bags to students, and direct students to areas in Swinney where each academic unit will have a designated seating area. Convocation ceremony begins at 1 pm. You are welcome to attend. *Wear your UMKC gear! We’ll have name tags to identify you as an UMKCRA member.*

3) **Welcome Week Tables**
   Locations and time frames needing assistance: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Aug 22 –24; anytime from 8am -3pm; Royall Hall - Student Union - University Center (tables are inside).
   Duty: Staff Welcome Week tables. Pass out campus maps, flyers, and answer questions.

4) **Fall Semester Convocation**
   Convocation will be held August 22nd at 1:30 pm in the Swinney Recreation Center. All faculty members and UMKCRA members are welcome to join in this new tradition. Each academic unit will provide specific portions of the program. Following the formal event in Swinney, students will be escorted to Academic Unit specific events, finishing with “UnionFest” in the new UMKC Student Union. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the academic unit activities, contact your former academic unit for more information.

F) Due to the timing of these events and the planned publication of the UMKCRA newsletter, an announcement should be sent out to members in a special postcard mailing requesting volunteers.

This information should also be placed on the new website as an example of how future volunteering opportunities will be presented. We plan to use the web site to present opportunities, to recruit and contact volunteers as well as to maintain records of UMKCRA volunteer activities.