

## Minutes

### SAH Fall Faculty Assembly Meeting 28 August, 2002

This meeting was called to order by Perri Cagle at 11:35 AM. Perri thanked the Dean's office for arranging the lunches and meeting. She then asked Chairs to introduce the new members of the SAH faculty.

Byron Gajewski, Ph.D. also was introduced. Dr. Gajewski joined our faculty on July 15, 2002. His duties include assisting faculty from the SON and SAH in the development of research designs and statistical analyses for grant applications, serving as a statistical consultant on funded research projects, providing consultation to faculty and students regarding research design and statistical applications, teaching courses in biostatistics & research design, and working collaboratively with other biostatisticians across the KUMC campus in interdisciplinary research.

The Dean distributed a series of handouts listing her activities on behalf of the school, a brief biography of the new School of Medicine Dean, Dr. Barbara Atkinson, the SAH tuition and fee schedule for Fall 2002, a publicity brochure from the KU Center for Research (see <http://www.research.ku.edu> for details), and an article from the JCAHO on nursing shortages.

Included in these handouts was the outline for the Dean's presentation, entitled "Contemporary Issues Shaping Health Professions Education." (Faculty will be able to access the entire presentation at: <http://www.kumc.edu/allied/faculty.html>). The focus of the Dean's comments was on four factors: 1) existing and anticipated shortages in the healthcare workforce, 2) increased public concerns regarding the quality and cost of healthcare, 3) incorporation of new technologies and approaches into the educational and clinical domains, and 4) the economic downturn of 2002. The Dean discussed these factors in relation to short- and long-term consequences we might expect in the academic and practice arenas, both locally and nationally. Dean Miller also outlined the budgetary constraints imposed upon the SAH over the past few months, and then discussed possible additional reductions in the budget we may expect to occur in the next few months.

The Dean concluded her presentation by suggesting some strategies that may help to limit the duration of these fiscal restrictions. At the University level, it is essential we continue to pursue actively the missions of KU in relation to education, research, and service, and to maintain a united K-12-16-20 continuum for education of Kansans. At a personal level, the Dean urges faculty to make every attempt to better educate the public and legislators as to the critical importance of supporting education and research throughout Kansas and at KUMC. Finally, cast your vote on November 05<sup>th</sup>!

The meeting was dismissed at 12:30 PM.

Submitted by:

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**Approved by Steering Committee 9-26-02**