

SAH Steering Committee Report to the Faculty  
November 6, 2007

1. All school committees have chairs and are functioning as specified in the SAH by-laws.
2. The Steering Committee has focused its attention on the presentation of SAH research on the SAH website. Two mechanisms for research representation have been identified. One includes links to all research programs that choose to be represented. The goal is to identify a standard scheme for each program, so that the home page of each program would look the same. We are asking for investigator suggestions for what this standard scheme would actually be like. Samples are currently available on the website. The second mechanism is an alphabetized, streaming description of research projects in the school that are supported by extramural funding. Again, there are samples of these descriptions available for evaluation now.

Finally, the Steering Committee has passed the role of development of this part of the SAH website over to the Research Committee.

3. Shortly after the meeting of November 6, the Steering Committee will bring forward to the faculty three proposals for by-laws changes. These deal with very minor changes associated with the fact that (a) the Department of Biometry no longer is a part of the school; (b) the Academic Affairs Committee deals only with undergraduate and not certificate or graduate curricula; and (c) a proposal to indicate how committees may make changes to their policies and procedures that do not require changes in the by-laws. This proposal will clarify how this is to be done without requiring a full SAH faculty vote.
4. Finally, the KUMC Steering Committee is trying to energize. It has had two meetings, has elected a President (Cynthia Teel from Nursing), and has begun to fulfill its mandate to monitor and when necessary to affect the activities of the Board of Regents. The Committee is resolved to giving a higher priority to faculty governance than has been characteristic over the past decade or longer.