

ATTACHMENT I  
**Research Advisory Council Meeting Minutes:  
 Minutes for April 9, 2007**

**Members Present:** Carolyn Synovitz, MD, MPH; Jon Schrage, MD; Robert Wittler, MD, David Grainger, MD, MPH; Sheldon Preskorn, MD; Angelia Paschal, PhD

**Members Absent:** Bill Collier, MD; Doug Woolley, MD; Stephen Smith, MD

**Guests Present:** Rosey Zackula, MA; Karen Kramer, PhD; Kate Hansen

- Called to order by David Grainger, MD, MPH, in the Cottonwood Room at KUSM-W

**AGENDA:**

**I. Minutes from 01/08/07**

**Discussion**

- Motion was made to approve the minutes by Dr. Grainger and seconded by Dr. Wittler

**II. Report from the Office of Research**

**Discussion**

- Discussion of RAC membership, need to include all program directors to increase resident involvement
- Discussion of the RAC's purpose statement, and ways to update and refocus
- Discussion of possibly using research 'themes' to bring departments together e.g. breast cancer from prevention to treatment

**Follow-up Required**

- Dr. Grainger has been discussing what the Wichita campus should do regarding the infrastructure of research department with Dean Dismuke

**IV. Reports from other departments**

**Discussion**

- Dr. Schrage reported that the diabetes and prenatal study is moving along well, as is the University of Nevada and nutrition project
- Dr. Grainger discussed the (Barron) study and the module on critical thinking and how to incorporate it into the Wichita curriculum as a required course
- Dr. Preskorn asked about the student/mentor research matching program, and reported it's sometimes difficult to get consistent interest from students; Dr. Grainger reported that although students have desire, the mentors are lacking; Rosey reported that a survey was ready to launch aimed at determining reasons students are not involved in research
- Drs. Synovitz and Paschal reported that their respective work on their proposals are moving forward

**New Business**

- No new business to discuss.

**Next Meeting**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 9, KUSM-W Cottonwood Room #2210 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Meeting was adjourned.