Ferguson Named to USA Track & Field Board of Directors

INDIANAPOLIS - UMKC's Kenneth D. Ferguson has been elected to the board of directors for USATF, the National Governing Body (NGB) for track & field, long distance running, and race walking in the United States. A longtime faculty member of the UMKC School of Law, Professor Ferguson is nationally known for his expertise in sports law, his extensive work with USATF over the past eleven (11) years and his work with the NCAA’s Committee on Academic Performance.

A former collegiate athlete himself at Drake University, Professor Ferguson serves as UMKC’s Faculty Athletics Representative, providing advice and support as a faculty liaison to the university's athletic programs. In that role, he also provides oversight for the university's compliance with NCAA rules and regulations.

Professor Ferguson also served as the President of the Missouri Valley Association and a current member of the board of directors for Palestine Economic Development Corporation which recently constructed and oversees Palestine Commons; a $15 million enhanced senior citizens housing facility in Kansas City. He also served on the Board of Directors for Swope Park Health Center for 15 years and helped the center become a national model for inner city outpatient health service delivery and urban economic revitalization.

He earned his J.D. from O.W. Coburn Law School at Oral Roberts University in 1986. Before joining the law faculty in 1992, Ferguson worked as a law clerk for Chief Judge Dennis Stewart of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri. He later he practiced at law at Shughart, Thompson and Kilroy, one of Kansas City’s prestigious law firms, where he specialized in bankruptcy litigation and corporate law.

About USA Track & Field

USA Track & Field (USATF) is the National Governing Body for track & field, long-distance running and race walking in the United States. USATF encompasses the world's oldest organized sports, the World's #1 Track & Field Team, the most-watched events at the Olympics, the #1 high school and junior high school participatory sport, and more than 30 million adult runners in the United States: www.usatf.org.