I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Mr. James Hardymon.
He asked for a motion to approve the minutes, and the minutes were approved with one grammatical correction under Section V changing “review” to “reviewed.”

II. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Melgar presented the October financial report. He reviewed the balance sheet noting that cash is up over last year. Mr. Hardymon noted that the board must be concerned with cash more so than investments. Dr. Karpf indicated that we will maintain at least two months cash on hand at all times and that Phase 1A of the building project will move forward on schedule. If we use cash out of our endowment we will be forced to realize the investment losses that are currently just paper losses. This would in turn weaken the university’s borrowing capacity.

Mr. Melgar then reviewed the income statement. The operating income margin remains strong. Our payer mix is healthy and volumes are strong. We will review the cash flows in the next few months with the board and do not anticipate any downsizing of the organization at this point. We must take this downturn in the national economy as an opportunity to strengthen our organization.

III. QUALITY UPDATE – PALLIATIVE CARE

Dr. Lofgren reviewed the second quarter results of the core measures and reviewed in detail the data for Good Samaritan Hospital in addition to Chandler Hospital. He then introduced Dr. Campbell for an overview of the Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) core measure initiatives. He reviewed the statistics for the prevalence of CHF and the mortality rates. He presented the initiative mission statement and goals. He noted the primary complication for these patients is the complexity of the numerous medications they often are taking. Checklists and other processes are being initiated to clarify that information for each patient upon their discharge. Mr. Hardymon commented on the importance of the discharge process to so many aspects of the quality core measures.

IV. ANNUAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REPORT

Dr. McDowell presented the committee with the annual report on the status of the graduate medical education program. Scholarly achievement is improving. She reviewed the exam pass rates and samples of the responses to the accrediting body survey. We currently have 42 accredited programs. Dr. Perman noted one program absent from that list – dermatology. A motion was made and the committee approved the report presented by Dr. McDowell.

V. FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Clark reported the project is on schedule. He reviewed the key dates looking ahead for the project. The budget remains on track with an appropriate contingency in place.

VI. TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS UPDATE
Mr. Clark informed the committee that the medical center did go tobacco free November 20. The initiative has been very successful on many levels and no significant issues have arisen.

VII. UK HEALTHCARE RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Booher reviewed the members, function and authority of the risk management committee and the proposed revisions to the name and membership of the committee. A motion was made and the committee approved the recommendation presented by Ms. Booher. Dr. Karpf commended Ms. Pisacano on her leadership of the program and indicated that at a future time we will present to the committee a risk management performance scorecard.

VIII. PRIVILEGES AND APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Nelson presented for approval the privileges for Chandler and Good Samaritan Hospitals. He noted that these have been appropriately reviewed by the medical staff. The committee made a motion and approved all of the privileges.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Karpf wished the committee and those present a happy holiday season and New Year. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.