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Russell B. Melchert (Russ) serves as the Dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Pharmacy. Russ completed a BS in pharmacy and PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy, and he maintains active pharmacy licensure. Following graduate school, he joined the Division of Pharmacology & Toxicology at the University of Texas College of Pharmacy as an NIEHS post-doctoral trainee. Russ received his first faculty appointment in 1995 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy and worked his way through the ranks to full professor. From 2004-2010, Russ served as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UAMS. Russ joined UMKC as Dean and Professor of Pharmacology & Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2010 and served as Interim Dean of the School of Dentistry in 2020-2021. He remains active teaching in pharmacy, dental and graduate curricula. Published scholarly works include papers and book chapters in pharmacology, toxicology, pharmaceutical sciences, and pharmacy education, and his research has been funded by the Department of Defense and National Institutes of Health. Russ served as Chair AACP's Council of Deans of from 2019-2020 and President of AACP from 2022-2023.