

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2013
2:15 P.M.
Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., chairperson pro tempore
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
John Edwards, M.D.
Joyce Koenig, M.D.
John Long, D.V.M.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Denise Johnson, ex officio

Members Excused:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., chairperson
Jane McHowat, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.
Michael Meyer, ex officio
Paul Hauptman, M.D., ex officio
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., ex officio
William Wold, Ph.D., ex officio

Guest:

Thomas Burroughs, Ph.D.

Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., chairperson pro tempore, called the meeting of the Research Planning Committee (RPC) of the Saint Louis University School of Medicine to order at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the June 26, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

2.0 UPDATES

2.1 Saint Louis University Center for Outcomes Research (SLUCOR) Update: Thomas E. Burroughs, Ph.D., executive director, SLUCOR, presented an overview of his department, which is no longer a medical school department. SLUCOR's mission is to be a national resource that informs health care and policy decisions with scientific information about quality and effectiveness. As a degree-granting center, SLUCOR works closely with the Schools of Medicine and Public Health. It offers an online MS degree in Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation Sciences and a Ph.D. program in health services

research / outcomes research via the School of Public Health's program in public health studies. There are plans to launch training sessions for clinical research. The largest source of income for the Center comes from hard dollars.

In addition to leading independent research, SLUCOR provides professional consulting services to academic, industry, government and nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Burroughs reported that a funding source has not been identified for the recruitment of a dedicated analyst for the medical school. Currently, SLUCOR charges for consulting fees.

It was suggested that a link to the SLUCOR webpage be placed on the RPC webpage.

Action Items: Dr. Burroughs will send Denise Johnson the current fee schedule for consulting services and the list of desired analytic skills that the RPC developed last year.

- 2.2 Data on Running and Maintaining Freezers: In follow up to the presentation by BioFortress at the May RPC meeting, Dr. Eissenberg reported that, per Ron Paulick, Electronic Shop manager, there are 85 minus 80 freezers in the Doisy Research Center. The average annual cost to run a minus 80 is \$1,182.

Dr. Eissenberg updated the RPC on his meeting with Risk Management and Treasury and Investments to discuss the effect the recent loss of power in the DRC had on minus 80s.

- 2.3 Presidents Research Fund (PRF) – Update on Cycle 8 Process: Dr. Eissenberg reported that a subcommittee of the RPC met on Monday, July 8, 2013, to review and rank twelve PRF applications that scored an overall impact of 2 or better. The RPC recommended that six applications be funded from the \$143k that was allocated to the School of Medicine for Cycle 8. We are currently awaiting the decision of the funding council.

3.0 RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

- 3.1 Dr. Joel Eissenberg, associate dean for research, announced that Bill Siler, Ph.D., director of Research Development and Services, will attend the August RPC meeting to discuss his plans and vision for the department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Sr. Planning Coordinator