

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
2:15 p.m.
Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.
Terry Egan, Ph.D.
Ranjit Ray, Ph.D., for Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Adriana M. Montañó, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Guests:

T. Scott Isbell, Ph.D., DABCC
Danielle Mungenast
Jasmin Patel
Wendy Schlesinger

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., chair, 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, April 26, 2017, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 22, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.

1. POSITION RECLASSIFICATION

Danielle Mungenast, HR compensation analyst, was requested by the RPC to consider flexible solutions for a position reclassification. She reported that the position could be reclassified with three career levels. It was agreed that Danielle will draft position descriptions and forward to Dr. Tavis for input.

Dr. Di Cera raised the issue of the University not having terms on postdoc positions. Danielle offered to address this issue with the Office of Faculty Affairs and Development.

2. PRENOSIS

Dr. Scott Isbell, Department of Pathology, presented a proposal for the School of Medicine to partner with Prenosis to co-develop a predictive analytics product for clinical decision support, using clinical and biomarker input data, for early sepsis detection. Prenosis is a spin-off company from the University of Illinois. Dr. Isbell explained the three phases of the study, the School of Medicine's responsibilities if we participated, the benefits to the School of Medicine and Prenosis and the logistics. (A copy of the presentation is available in the Office of Planning and Operations). Dr. Isbell asked for the endorsement of the RPC and it was approved. The next step is for Dr. Isbell to secure funds and approval from the dean of the School of Medicine.

3. RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Jasmin Patel, assistant vice president for research, and Wendy Schlesinger, development officer, discussed their specific roles in research. Jasmin reviewed InfoED SPIN, a funding search database available to the University community. The database can be accessed with no login while on campus. An account needs to be created to access the database off campus and to tailor searches and receive customized funding opportunity emails. (As a follow-up action item, Jasim created InfoEd SPIN accounts for all RPC members.) Wendy is creating a faculty research database to forward grants that cannot be accessed through InfoED SPIN. She has coordinated DRC tours for the medical officers so they can speak more knowledgeably to their donors about the research taking place at the School of Medicine.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations