

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
2:15 p.m.
Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair
Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.
Terry Egan, Ph.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Adriana M. Montaño, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Guests:

Kevin Behrns, M.D.
Daniel Hawiger, M.D., Ph.D.

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, February 22, 2017, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR RESEARCH

Dean Behrns provided an overview of the School of Medicine's strategic planning process for research, noting that the RPC will have a major role in the development of the plan. Collaborative Strategies, Inc., will guide our process and facilitate our focus group sessions. The plan will be specific and granular with a focus on increasing funding and our national reputation. The goal is to have most of the work completed by the end of the summer. The three types of research Dr. Behrns would like to invest in are 1) program project grants, 2) areas that are already successful or new programs with high potential, and 3) collaborative alignments with clinical programs.

The dean opened a Q&A session and responded to questions regarding the Graduate Programs, HR issues, and an incentive plan for both basic science and clinical departments.

2. GRANTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (GDO) UPDATE

Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., reported on the FY 2017 first quarter activity in the Grants Development Office. There was a high demand for consultations in design, methods and statistics during the first quarter. The GDO consulted on three grants totaling \$784K that were awarded during this period. Since the program started in 2014, the GDO consulted on 26 awarded grants totaling \$12.7M.

3. PRESIDENT'S RESEARCH FUND (PRF) – CYCLE 14

Denise Johnson reported that 27 (19 PRF01, 2 PRF02 and 6 PRF03) School of Medicine applications totaling \$1,332,265 were submitted for the PRF Cycle14. Two independent reviews will be completed on each application. Reviews have been assigned to the 15 members of the Cycle 14 Study Section and 7 additional reviewers. Reviews are due March 10, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations