

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 28, 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.
Ranjit Ray, Ph.D., for Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Adriana M. Montaño, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
Jasmin Patel for Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*

Guests:

Kevin Behrns, M.D.
Mark Haenchen, M.S., J.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, June 28, 2017, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 24, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Mark Haenchen updated the RPC on organizational changes within the Office of Vice President for Research that resulted in the creation of the Research Integrity and Safety Group (RIS Group). Effective March 7, 2017, Mark serves as the Executive Director of the RIS Group, which encompasses what has been the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, the IRB Office, the IACUC Office and the Financial Conflict of Interest in Research Office. Overall goals are to enhance efficiency of operations in support of research, including the various committees (COIR, IACUC, IBC, IRBs, RSC) supported by these teams. Mark distributed an organizational chart and asked that he be made aware of any issues within these areas. An early initiative is to improve the University's

overall compliance with Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training requirements for NIH and NSF funded research carried out by research assistants, post-docs, etc. The RCR policy is being updated to more closely follow the federal requirements. Efforts are being coordinated with Stephanie Cargill, Center for Health Care Ethics, to provide for RCR training (including a 90-minute overview session on August 23, 2017). There will also be focused training sessions on relevant topics scheduled throughout the fall and spring semesters to provide ample opportunity to meet the 8-hour training requirement. Questions related to RCR can be directed to Mark.

2. PLANNING FOR RESEARCH

Dean Kevin Behrns, M.D., discussed the strategic use of the Doisy Fund to further research in the School of Medicine. He emphasized that the Doisy Fund needs to be used wisely to grow the research program in the School of Medicine. The return on investment should be improved to yield a four to one return. He explained that the annual Doisy Fund allocation to the School of Medicine is administered by the Dean and that he welcomes suggestions and input from the RPC on investment strategies. Dr. Behrns charged the RPC to submit a proposal on using the Doisy Funds to support the growth of research in the School of Medicine.

Following the dean's remarks, the RPC discussed a proposal for use of the Doisy Funds and the School of Medicine supplemental salary compensation proposal that was drafted and approved in 2013 but not implemented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations