

**Research Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**  
**2:15 p.m.**  
**Doisy Research Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair  
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.  
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.  
Ranjit Ray, Ph.D., for Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.  
Adriana M. Montaño, Ph.D.  
Michael Rauchman, M.D.  
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.  
Richard DiPaolo, Ph.D., for John Tavis, Ph.D.  
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*  
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*  
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*  
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

**Members Not Present:**

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.  
Terry Egan, Ph.D.  
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.  
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*  
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, *ex officio*

**Guests:**

Mario Schootman, Ph.D.  
Jasmin Patel  
Malcolm Townes  
Nancy Weaver, Ph.D., MPH

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, May 24, 2017, in the Doisy Research Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the April 26, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.

1. Maternal and Child Health Center

Dr. Mario Schootman, associate dean for research, College for Public Health and Social Justice, and Dr. Nancy Weaver, associate professor, Behavioral Science and Health Education, discussed the Research and Equity in Action for Child Health Center at the College for Public Health and Social Justice. This program brings together researchers and community partners to work toward improving the health of children and their families. The center is directed by a leadership team that provides expertise in community engagement and outreach, training and workforce development, and analytics. A handout was

distributed (copy on file in the Office of Planning and Operations) with information on the collaborative research team and examples of current research and practice projects. Drs. Schootman and Weaver are interested in expanding research and interacting with School of Medicine departments. They would like to identify a liaison with each medical school department. The RPC encouraged communication with the medical school departments and asked for opportunities to bring the two schools together, specifically in data mining.

## 2. Research Innovation Group

Malcolm Townes, business development manager, talked to the RPC on resources available in the Office of Technology Management to support research through the protection and commercial promotion of the intellectual assets developed by the faculty, researchers, staff and students. A copy of his presentation is on file in the Office of Planning and Operations. Malcom asked that researchers rethink technology transfer and he discussed issues and impediments. He suggested that researchers look at other intangible assets in addition to patents. Satellite offices are being set up for the Office of Technology Management to be more accessible to the research faculty.

## 3. School of Medicine Grant Funding

Jasmin Patel, assistant vice president for research, reported on FY 2017 funding through the third quarter compared to the same period in FY 2016:

### **Total Grant Awards**

FY17: 189 - \$21,057,462

FY16: 249 - \$31,104,100

### **Total Grant Applications**

FY17: 259 - \$162,353,146

FY16: 262 - \$192,530,853

### **Total Research Expenditures**

FY17: \$22,186,335 (\$5,657,832 indirects)

FY16: \$20,745,187 (\$5,414,138 indirects)

## 4. Research Administration Announcements

Dr. Paul Hauptman, assistant dean of clinical-translational research, updated the RPC on Pathology's proposal to partner with Prenosis, the developer of handheld diagnostic devices and software that uses electrical detection methodologies to measure the critical elements of whole blood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations