

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2013
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.
Joyce Koenig, M.D.
John Long, D.V.M.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.
Michael Green, Ph.D., for John Tavis, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., ex officio
Paul Hauptman, M.D., ex officio
Denise Johnson, ex officio

Members Excused:

Jane McHowat, Ph.D.
Michael Meyer, ex officio
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., ex officio
William Wold, Ph.D., ex officio

Guests:

Thomas Burroughs, 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, October 23, 2013, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 18, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted.

2.0 UPDATES

2.1 *SLUCOR* Update: Thomas Burroughs, Ph.D., Executive Director, *SLUCOR*, updated the RPC on consulting services provided to the School of Medicine. In the past twelve months, 77 projects were completed for the School of Medicine, of which 16 were unfunded. The majority of the projects were from clinical departments. Dr. Burroughs is still working to identify funding for an FTE to support the medical school. He discussed several funding scenarios, and reported that 25 percent would be the minimum to support an FTE.

Following Dr. Burroughs' update, the RPC discussed various ways to fund a portion of an FTE. Dr. Di Cera offered to discuss this issue with the clinical chairs.

Action Items:

1. Dr. Burroughs to provide John Edwards, M.D., with a list of projects completed for Internal Medicine.
2. Dr. Burroughs to send Denise Johnson the SLUCOR fee schedule.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 3.1 Subcommittee to Coordinate PRF Reviews: Dr. Di Cera announced that the following RPC members will serve on the subcommittee for the October 2013 PRF cycle:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D.

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.

Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.

John Edwards, M.D.

Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D.

John Long, D.V.M.

Michael Rauchman, M.D.

Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.

William Wold, Ph.D.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 4.1 Genomic Core Facility Equipment Proposal: As follow up to his presentation at the September RPC meeting to upgrade the Genomic Core Facility, Michael Green, Ph.D., Director, Microarray Core Facility, informed the RPC that the lease option is \$291,842 and the purchase option is \$292,090. Dr. Di Cera will discuss this proposal with Michael Meyer and Dean Alderson.

ACTION ITEM:

Dr. Green to provide Dr. Di Cera with a breakdown of the Genomic Core Facility users.

- 4.2 Brainstorming – Research Priorities in the School of Medicine: Dr. Di Cera thanked the RPC members who replied to his request for ideas on research priorities for the RPC to champion.

Action Item:

Dr. Di Cera will distribute the ideas and suggestions he has received to the RPC.

- 4.3 Faculty Supplemental Salary Compensation: Dr. Di Cera informed the RPC that he will discuss the plan with the clinical chairs on November 6, 2013.

5.0 RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

- 5.1 Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Research, updated the RPC on his membership on the Veteran Affairs (VA) Vandeventer Place Foundation. The recently appointed Ziyad Al-Aly, M.D., Associate Chief of Staff-Research, has taken over the administrative oversight of the foundation. He received approval to change the name of the Foundation to Veterans Research and Education Foundation, and is attempting to develop the foundation, which is underperforming compared to other comparable VA foundations. The VA is interested in funding clinical research and clinical trials, not basic research. Dr. Eissenberg had a breakfast meeting with Dr. Ziyad Al-Aly last week, and came away with the conviction that our relationship with the VA could be strengthened to the advantage of clinical research. He has discussed this issue with Michael Rauchman, M.D., Robert Heaney, M.D., Paul Hauptman, M.D., and John Edwards, M.D., and hopes in the coming months to pursue a mutually beneficial relationship.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Sr. Planning Coordinator