Members Present:
Enrico Di Cera, M.D., chair
Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
John Edwards, M.D.
Joyce Koenig, M.D.
John Long, D.V.M.
Jane McHowat, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Paul Hauptman, M.D., ex officio
Denise Johnson, ex officio
William Wold, Ph.D., ex officio

Members Excused:
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., ex officio
Michael Meyer, ex officio
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., ex officio

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, January 22, 2014, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES
The Minutes of the December 18, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted.

2.0 UPDATE

2.1 Dr. Di Cera congratulated Dr. Daniela Salvemini on being named Fellow of Academy of Science by the Academy of Science - St. Louis. The award will be presented at the Academy of Science - St. Louis 20th Annual Award Dinner in April.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 RPC Website: The faculty research interests database posted on the RPC website currently has 228 entries distributed over 16 departments. It was suggested that the
RPC website be linked to the medical student interest groups. Dr. Di Cera asked for other suggestions to be forwarded to him.

3.2 Frontiers in Molecular Medicine Lecture Series: The schedule for the 2nd season is complete:

February, 7, 2014
David A. Harris, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Boston University
Department of Biochemistry
“The Prion Protein: A Dual Role in Prion and Alzheimer’s Diseases”
Hosted by the Department of Pediatrics

April 24, 2014
Gary H. Gibbons, M.D.
Director, National Institutes of Health National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
The 2nd Edward A. Doisy Lecture
“Charting Our Future Together: Setting an Agenda for the National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute”
Hosted by the Department of Internal Medicine

May 1, 2014
David Relman, M.D.
Co-Director, Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation
“Your Inner Self: The Human Microbiome in Health and Disease”
Hosted by the Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology

November 6, 2014
Pier Paolo Pandolfi, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Cancer and Genetics Program, BIDMC Cancer Center
The Robert E. Olson Lecture
“Deconstructing the Molecular Genetics of Human Cancer and its Therapeutic Implications”
Hosted by the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Posters were available for RPC members to distribute internally and externally.

3.3 Dr. Di Cera announced that Bill Siler, Director of the Office of Research Development and Services, and Marie Reynolds, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department Administrator, will conduct a faculty development workshop on NIH Grant management, reviewing the administrative aspects of grant submission and management, including the eRS/ORDS component, on February 13, 2014.
4.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Salary Recovery Supplement Proposal: The revised Salary Recovery Supplement Proposal was distributed prior to the meeting. Dr. Di Cera highlighted the change to be effective FY 2015 for clinical faculty. The RPC discussed the two incentive plans: the department rebate and the faculty recovery incentive. It was suggested that the departments receive 25 percent of the F&A. Dr. Di Cera offered to draft a modification to the current department rebate plan.

4.2 Brainstorming - Town Hall Meeting: The agenda for the first RPC Town Hall Meeting scheduled for May 14, 2014, was discussed. It was suggested that the main gaps or needs identified in the RPC Research Resources Survey (July 2012) be addressed along with suggestions from the faculty for the RPC moving forward.

4.3 President’s Research Fund (PRF) Recommendations – October 2013 Cycle. The RPC subcommittee to review PRF proposals met on Monday, December 23, 2013, to discuss and rank the proposals. The subcommittee made a recommendation that seven proposals be funded for a total of $270,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Sr. Planning Coordinator