

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 26, 2014
2:15 P.M.
Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., chair
Krista Lentine, M.D., MSc, for John Edwards, M.D., Ph.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

Members Excused:

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., ex officio
Michael Meyer, ex officio
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., ex officio
William Wold, 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, March 26, 2014, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 26, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 2.1 President's Research Fund (PRF) Cycle 10: Dr. Di Cera presented a proposal that the RPC extend membership on the RPC subcommittee to assign PRF reviewers to faculty who are not members of the RPC. After discussing, it was agreed that no change will be made for Cycle 10, and that this proposal be presented to the medical school faculty at the May 14, 2014, RPC Town Hall Meeting.

Dr. Di Cera updated the RPC on his meeting with Raymond Tait, Ph.D., vice president for research, to discuss the future of the PRF program. The PRF has been approved for an additional three years. Although the funding will not change, the salary for 1.5 FTE statisticians will come from the PRF budget, starting in Cycle 11. Due to the reduction in

funds for PRF grants, the School of Medicine will most likely return to the \$25K cap. Although the University will change to one cycle per year, the School of Medicine will continue with two cycles per year. In addition, starting with Cycle 11, the School of Medicine will assume total responsibility for the operation of its PRF program.

The changes in the PRF program will be discussed at the Town Hall Meeting.

- 2.2 Request for Small Blood Lab: Dean Alderson has requested that the RPC make a recommendation on a request (distributed with the agenda) from Dr. Randy Sprague to establish a small laboratory to allow Dr. Sprague to continue to supply human blood products to University investigators. After a discussion on IRB protocol and regulatory oversight, it was agreed that Dr. Sprague be invited to attend the April RPC meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Senior Planner