Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 2014
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., Ph.D.
Joyce Koenig, M.D.
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.
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:
Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., ex officio
John Long, D.V.M., ex officio
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., ex officio

Guest:
Patrick McCarthy

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, December 3, 2014, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES
The Minutes of the October 22, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted.

2.0 UPDATES

2.1 Medical Center Library Update: Patrick McCarthy, director, Medical Center Library, updated the RPC on the faculty and student library survey. Questions were asked on the physical facility, services and resources. The discontinued software, UpToDate, was clearly identified as a needed resource. UpToDate was previously paid for by the GME office. The library does not have the budget to absorb the cost. A discussion was held on potential resources to fund this software.
2.2 Strategic Planning: Dr. Di Cera reviewed his presentation to the President’s Coordinating Council on NIH funding and discussed two graphs he presented on the School of Medicine’s ranking in terms of NIH funding and active PIs with NIH funding. It was agreed that the School of Medicine needs to increase research faculty.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 2015 Town Hall Meeting: Dr. Di Cera reported that the next Research Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2015. He would like the President’s Research Fund to be the main focus of discussion. It was also suggested that core facilities be discussed.

3.2 President’s Research Fund (PRF): There were 31 proposals submitted to the PRF for cycle 11. The RPC subcommittee to assign reviewers consists of Drs. Rauchman, McHowat, Eissenberg, Edwards, Burris and Long.

3.3 Frontiers in Molecular Medicine Lecture Series: Denise Johnson announced that Dr. Alderson invited Michael E. Phelps, Ph.D., chair, Molecular and Medical Pharmacology, UCLA, to give the 3rd Maurice Green lecture on October 22, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations