

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2015
2:15 p.m.
Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair
Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.
Joyce Koenig, M.D.
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.
Jane McHowat, Ph.D.
Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.

Members Not Present:

Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *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, April 22, 2015, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Faculty Senate White Paper: Dr. Di Cera was supposed to meet with the president and others from administration to discuss the status of the crisis in research. However, the president canceled the meeting at the last minute because he wants the new provost to attend as well. The meeting has not yet been rescheduled.

2.2 Task Force: This group consists of the basic science chairs and two clinical chairs and aims to discover ways to grow funding for basic science research in the School of Medicine, including use of the Doisy Fund for this purpose. This

issue will be discussed with the Dean after the Board of Trustees meeting on May 2, 2015.

2.3 PRF Cycle 12 Review Process: Applications for Cycle 12 of the PRF are due May 15, 2015. Dr. John Tavis suggested that PRF Reviewers will need to be more aggressive in scoring applications. The idea of setting up a study section to review all applications for Cycle 12 was discussed. It was also suggested that discussion of "PI worthiness" be excluded from future reviews.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Dr. Joyce Koenig asked about the role of research as part of the new Strategic Plan. Dr. Di Cera noted that the final narrative mostly dealt with educational issues. It was noted that a lot of the information and details provided by each of the TWGs may be included in the appendices to the Plan, but not included in the main document. The final version will be released from the President's Office and presented to the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Baird
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