

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
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.
Robert Fleming, M.D., for Joyce Koenig, M.D.
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.
Jane McHowat, Ph.D.
Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Members Excused:

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Guest:

Matt Schuelke, 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, March 25, 2015, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

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

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Funding Blast: As a follow up to an action item from the February 4, 2015, RPC Town Hall Meeting, Matt Schuelke, Ph.D., was invited to present his proposed changes to the University's funding blast mechanism, and to solicit feedback and suggestions. The current system includes all funding opportunities, making it difficult to navigate. The proposed system is customized and easier to navigate. It will be a web-based program and searches can be made on discipline, eligibility, posting month and deadline month. Quicklinks will also be available. It was suggested by a member of the RPC that a search

feature on key word and funding agency be included. It was also suggested that information for postdocs be included.

- 2.2 President's Research Fund (PRF): Dr. Di Cera announced that Cycle 12 of the PRF is limited to School of Medicine faculty. The application deadline has been extended to May 15, 2015. The application package and guidelines will be posted on the RPC website.

Dr. Di Cera proposed that the maximum amount requested be lowered from \$50,000 to \$25,000, since there is only \$125,000 available for Cycle 12. A motion was made and approved to lower the maximum amount requested to \$25,000 for Cycle 12.

3.0 UPDATES

- 3.1 Strategic Planning Process: Dr. Joel Eisenberg, associate dean for research, updated the RPC on the strategic planning process. All of the reports from the eight Topical Work Groups are completed. Funding for biomedical research was at the top of the "SLU as a Center of Research & Disseminator of New Knowledge" Topical Work Group. The Strategic Plan Working Draft will be posted on the Strategic Planning Process website. The final document will be submitted to President Pestello, Ph.D., the last week of April for presentation at the May 2, 2015, Board of Trustees' meeting.

4.0 RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1 Dr. Eisenberg reported on the activity of the Grants Development Office, which offers free consultations on grant preparation and research/statistical methods to the University research community. Dr. Eisenberg is one of two faculty that provides grantsmanship services. To date, he has edited 30 projects from 24 clients, with a 24- to 48-hour turnaround time.
- 4.2 It was suggested that Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D., the new provost, be invited to a future RPC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations