

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 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.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Joyce Koenig, M.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *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, September 23, 2015, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 26, 2015, meeting were approved with one correction: Dr. Ranjit Ray represented Dr. Hoft and Dr. Ranta Ray represented Dr. Kornbluth at the August 26, 2015 meeting.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 New Guidelines for School of Medicine Presidents Research Fund (PRF):
Dr. Di Cera distributed an updated graph (Attachment A) on RO1 funding at the School of Medicine from 1992 through 2015. The graph indicated that since 2005, PIs with funding have decreased 46 percent, R01s have decreased 50 percent and funding has decreased 59 percent. In an effort to increase the productivity outcome of the PRF program, Dr. Di Cera and Denise Johnson are meeting with Dr. Ray Tait, vice president for research, to reach a compromise on

the new School of Medicine (SOM) PRF guidelines proposed at the August RPC meeting.

A discussion pursued on the SOM PRF guidelines for PRF Cycle 13. Specifically, should the SOM continue with the current guidelines or the new guidelines proposed last month:

PRF01 - Single PI application describing a new project with high likelihood of extramural funding. Up to \$50,000 per year for to 2 years (\$100,000 total) may be requested for this award.

PRF02 - Multi-PI application describing a new project with high likelihood of extramural funding. Up to \$100,000 per year for to 2 years (\$200,000 total) may be requested for this award.

PRF03 - Existing R01 application, new or renewal, which was scored but not funded by the NIH during 2015. Up to \$50,000 may be requested for this award.

The RPC also discussed using a study section review process in place of the current review process.

- 2.2 HR Issues: Dr. Di Cera reported on a phone conversation he had with Mickey Luna, J.D., vice president for Human Resources, to discuss HR issues that are impacting research departments at the School of Medicine. Mickey requested a list of the issues with examples. He will review the list with his staff and send the appropriate staff member to meet with the RPC. RPC members were asked to talk to their departments and send issues with examples to Denise Johnson.
- 2.3 Extension of Tenure Clock: Dr. Wold initiated a discussion on the rank and tenure track procedures, specifically the eight year time frame to make tenure track. He feels that eight years is not enough time. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a time limit may not be necessary. Dr. Wold offered to draft a letter from the RPC to send to Dr. Angela Sharkey, associate dean for faculty affairs and development.
- 3.0 RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT
- 3.1 Dr. Joel Eissenberg, associate dean for research, announced that the Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills (C-STARS) has funds available to sponsor research. The funding is for collaborative projects with C-STARS. Their three priorities are 1) in-route care, 2) expeditionary medicine, and 3) human performance. Dr. Eissenberg has requested a list of C-STARS investigators who could collaborate with a University investigator. He will also invite a representative from C-STARS to attend the October RPC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations