

Research Planning Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
2:15 p.m.  
Doisy Research Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Minutes

**Members Present:**

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair  
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.  
Ranjit Ray, Ph.D., for Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.  
Joyce Koenig, M.D.  
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.  
Michael Rauchman, M.D.  
John Tavis, Ph.D.  
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*  
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*

**Members Not Present:**

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.  
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.  
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.  
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*  
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*  
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*  
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

**Guests:**

John Chibnall, Ph.D.  
Mike Marcinkowski

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, January 27, 2016, in the Doisy Research Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 16, 2015, meeting were approved as submitted.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Grants Development Office (GDO): Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., associate dean for research, along with John Chibnall, Ph.D., professor, Department of Psychiatry, and Mike Marcinkowski, grant writer, Office of the Vice President for Research, presented a status report on the GDO which has been in operation for one and one-half years. The GDO offers free consultations on grant preparation (submission strategies, line and style

editing, clarity of expression and focus, rationale, and page limits and formatting) and research/statistical methods (power calculations, design, sampling and measurement, data management and analysis, statistical interpretation and write-up, and specialized programming). Results from a GDO satisfaction survey conducted during the second quarter of FY 2016, report an overall satisfaction rate of 5.2 based on a 6-point scale, and that 91 percent of the 35 respondents would recommend the DGO to colleagues. There has been ten GDO-linked awards totaling \$3.7M in award dollars. The RPC suggested that the GDO website offer a link to these successful grant proposals. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of Planning and Operations.

- 2.2 Frontiers in Molecular Medicine Series Attendance: Dr. Di Cera expressed concern with the lack of attendance at the last few lectures, specifically, the January 21, 2016, Schiller lecture. It was suggested that (1) the speaker's credentials/accomplishments be highlighted on the promotional material, (2) large posters be displayed in the Hospital, and (3) department chairs promote the lectures to their faculty and encourage attendance. Dr. Eissenberg offered to speak with Dr. Slavin regarding the lack of medical student attendance.
- 2.3 PRF Cycle 13 Study Section: The study section members include: Drs. Barb Whitman, John Tavis, Bill Wold, Ratna Ray, Ranjit Ray, John Edwards, Paul Hauptman, Dale Dorsett, John Long, Tom Burris and Enrico Di Cera. Thirty proposals were submitted. Dr. Di Cera suggested that each study section member try to review 5 proposals.
- 2.4 Research Blood Samples: Dr. Joyce Koenig raised the issue regarding the high charges from SSM for research blood samples and tests. She reported that SSM charges researchers the "charge amount" before insurance adjustment. Dr. Koenig was asked to prepare a document with examples. That document will be sent to the appropriate SLUCare administrator for a response.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations