

Research Planning Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 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  
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.  
Michael Rauchman, M.D.  
Ryan Teague, Ph.D., for 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 Not Present:**

Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*

**Guest:**

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

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the March 23, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

**1. OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

At the request of the RPC, Bill Siler, Ph.D., director, Office of Research Development and Services, attended the meeting to report on NIH funding at the School of Medicine. A handout was distributed with data on NIH funding at the University for FY 2015 and a comparison of NIH funding at the University from 1995 through 2015. A total of \$17.7 million in NIH funding was awarded to 40 School of

Medicine PIs in FY 2015. The School of Medicine dollar awards for FY 2016 are expected to increase significantly.

A discussion was held on the difficulty the Office of Research Development and Services has in reporting award dollars with data from the eRS system. Denise Johnson was asked to contact Sponsored Programs for data on direct expenses and indirect costs for NIH awards and also non-NIH awards.

## 2. PRESIDENT'S RESEARCH FUND (PRF) – CYCLE 14

Bill Siler, Ph.D., was asked to stay for the discussion on PRF Cycle 14. To expedite the review process, it was agreed that compliance reviews on PRF proposals, with the exception of eligibility compliance, be conducted only on the proposals that the study section recommends for funding. It was proposed that the deadline date for future PRF01 and PRF02 proposals be the second Monday in January, with the study section meeting the last week of March and funding starting in April. It was suggested that the standard due dates for PRF03 proposals coincide with the three NIH cycles. This discussion will continue at the June 2016 RPC meeting.

## 3. RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

The results of the C-STARS funding opportunity should be available by the week of May 9, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations