

**Research Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**  
**2:15 p.m.**  
**Doisy Research Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair  
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.  
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.  
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  
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:**

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.  
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.  
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., ex officio

**Guests:**

Scott Amendola  
Mark Haenchen, M.S., J.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, May 25, 2016, in the Doisy Research Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the April 27, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

**1. ENTERPRISE DATA ANALYTICS PLATFORM INITIATIVE**

Scott Amendola, director, Research Technology Group, attended the meeting to discuss a new assessment being planned for analysis and data discovery. The purpose is to assess the data and analytic needs and capabilities of the University that will inform the architecture design, resource requirements, roadmap and budget proposal to the provost. The concept is for a platform that will enable users to transform disparate data into insights, information and decisions. Scott distributed a copy of a conceptual example and discussed the benefits. He asked that the RPC identify representatives to participate in the assessment. Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., offered to develop a list to send to Dr. Di Cera for approval.

*Follow up: The following list was recommended to participate in the assessment:*

*Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.*

*Paul Hauptman, M.D.*

*Dan Hoff, M.D.*

*Michael Rauchman, M.D.*

*Enrico Di Cera, M.D.*

*Chad Miller, M.D., FACP, FHM*

*Christine Lentine, M.D.*

*Donna Halloran, M.D., MSPH*

*Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.*

## 2. Lab Safety Awareness

Mark Haenchen, M.S., J.D., director, Environmental Health and Safety, reviewed fatal and other laboratory accidents occurring in academic research labs in the U.S. Accidents were as recent as March 2016 dating back to 1996, including SLU's own incident on October 18, 2000, involving a flammable liquid stored in a non-flammable rated refrigerator/freezer. Highlights of the National Research Council of the National Academies "Safe Science: Promoting a Culture of Safety in Academic Chemical Research" were reviewed. Especially relevant is the role of the faculty member/P.I. in ensuring safety in daily laboratory operations, making safety an ongoing operational priority. Strategies for integrating safety into lab procedures and practices were discussed. Recommendations from the National Research Council report were reviewed. The importance of PI and department chair leadership and commitment to instilling a strong, positive safety culture was emphasized. The presentation closed with an open discussion on expanding the audience for this talk. The concept of a "Lab Safety Awareness Week" was discussed.

*Follow up: A Lab Safety Awareness Week is planned for the week of September 26, 2016.*

## 3. RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., associate dean for research, reported that the results of the C-STARS funding opportunity has been deferred to June.

Kenneth Olliff has been appointed vice president for research, effective July 1, 2016. He is currently associate vice president for program development at the University of Chicago.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations