

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 27, 2016
2:15 p.m.
Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.
Terry Egan, Ph.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Adriana M. Montaña, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Guest:

Sandra Cornell

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, July 27, 2016, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the June 29, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

1. NEW MEMBERS TO THE RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Di Cera welcomed Dr. Terry Egan, Dr. Adriana Montano and Dr. Jeffrey Scherrer to the RPC, and thanked retiring members Dr. Joyce Koenig and Dr. Reigh-Yi Lin for their service on the RPC.

2. MAINTENANCE OF RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

Sandra Cornell, building manager for the Doisy Research Center, informed the RPC that the costs for maintenance and preventive maintenance on research equipment has increased since the Biomedical Electronics Shop disbanded in June 2014. In addition, it

is difficult to find repairpersons to work on -80 freezers. She asked if it would be possible to reestablish the Biomedical Electronics Shop. This shop was able to operate in the black due to billings from work performed outside of the University. Dr. DiCera offered to contact Ron Paulick, former manager of the Biomedical Electronics Shop.

3. RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION MENTORING PROGRAM

Denise Johnson presented a program proposal to help develop staff throughout medical school divisions and departments that are lacking the expertise to administer grant applications in a timely, knowledgeable and compliant manner. The RPC would oversee the program (implementation, communication, participant selection, and assessment). The program would be voluntary, with an emphasis on professional development. The one year one-one-one mentoring will involve periodic meetings and workshops, phone calls and emails. This is not expected to be a burdensome commitment (less than one to two hours per month). All medical school basic science, clinical and administrative departments would be eligible to participate. The success of the pilot program would be measured by mentee satisfaction, mentor teaching effectiveness and job performance effectiveness. Dean Alderson agreed to finance the pilot program. The RPC voted to approve the pilot program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations