

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
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.
Terry Egan, Ph.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Adriana M. Montaño, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Guest:

Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA

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, October 26, 2016, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting were approved with one correction. The last paragraph in item 1. Summer Research Program Recruitment is a follow-up action item.

1. NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

Ken Olliff, the University's new vice president for research who started on July 1, 2016, was invited to speak to the RPC on his vision for his new role and his priorities for research at Saint Louis University. Mr. Olliff updated the RPC on his work at the University of Chicago in the Office of the Vice President for Research. To help achieve his goals at SLU, he has appointed Matthew Christian as associate vice president for research and chief of staff, and Jasmin Patel as assistant vice president for research collaborations. Critical to moving research forward is his need to better understand the relationship between the School of Medicine and the Office of the VP for Research. He

sees it as his responsibility to make sure that faculty have what is needed to develop research programs and to advance the impact of research across the University. His initial goals are to assist faculty with identifying funding opportunities, re-evaluate the current business processes, and facilitate collaborations. He announced that a Research Council will be assembled, consisting of associate and assistant deans of research and center directors. He discussed his plans for urban engagement and to bring inventors and entrepreneurs together.

When asked about a School of Medicine strategic plan for research, Mr. Olliff said he would support, advocate and be a resource for a strategic plan for the School of Medicine, but that the plan would need to be developed by the School of Medicine.

It was agreed that Mr. Olliff will be an ex-official member of the Research Planning Committee.

2. RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Hauptman, assistant dean of Clinical – Translational Research, reminded the RPC that the second annual interdisciplinary collaborative research initiative on the Health Sciences Center campus will take place on November 7, 2016, in the Allied Health Professions Building multi-purpose room, from 5 pm to 7pm. Faculty are encouraged to attend. Another round of seed grant award applications will be announced at that time.

The AOA Poster Competition is scheduled for January 12, 2017, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. in the LRC. Judges will select the top posters for subsequent oral presentation on Wednesday January 25, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in the Education Union Auditorium.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations