

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
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.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Adriana M. Montaño, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
Joel Eisenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Guest:

Graeme Thomas

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 25, 2017, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 21, 2016 meeting were approved with one correction. The seventh bullet point in section number 1. under Discussion Points should read: An eight-year-running student led journal club supported by the American Society for Microbiology (not the American Microbiological Society) was highlighted as a success for cross campus student engagement.

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

Denise Johnson reported that the following RPC members have volunteered to serve on the PRF - Cycle 14 School of Medicine Study Section:

Jeffrey Scherrer, Ph.D.
Joel Eisenberg, Ph.D.

John Tavis, Ph.D.
Dan Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
William Wold, Ph.D.
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Terry Egan, Ph.D.
Paul Hauptman, M.D.
Adriana Montano, Ph.D.
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.

In addition, Ratna Ray, Ph.D., Barbara Whitman, MSW, Ph.D., Noah Hillman, M.D., and Maureen Donlin, Ph.D., will serve on the Study Section.

2. NFS I-CORPS GRANT APPLICATION

Graeme Thomas, director, Office Technology Management, updated the RPC on the University's application to become a National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovation Corps (I-Corps) Site. The NSF I-Corps' purpose is to identify NSF-funded researchers who will receive additional support to accelerate innovation that can attract subsequent third-party funding. Sites are funded at academic institutions. The purpose of an I-Corps Site is to nurture and support multiple, local teams to transition their ideas, devices, processes or other intellectual activities into the marketplace. I-Corps Sites will provide infrastructure, advice, resources, networking opportunities, training and modest funding. The application is due February 9, 2017.

3. RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hauptman, assistant dean of clinical-translational research, reported on the 21st Century Cures Act implications for investigators and research sites. Dr. Hauptman distributed a summary of the key provisions which will be posted on the Clinical Trials Office website.

Dr. Hauptman reported that the deadline for the Health Sciences Research Group Interprofessional seed grant program is January 31, 2017.

Dr. Hauptman announced that a memo will soon be distributed with information on this year's C-STARS grant program, which has \$13M available for grants.

Ken Olliff, VP for Research, made the following announcements:

1. The University's plan for doubling research over the next five years was presented to President Pestello. The plan, scheduled to start in July 2017, will focus on the processes and barriers to growing our research enterprise.
2. The Division of Research Administration's 40th Annual Grant Winner reception will be held this Friday, January 27, 2017.
3. A reception to celebrate the new memorandum of understanding with the Siteman Cancer Center is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations