

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
2:15 p.m.
Doisy Research Center, 8th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.
Terry Egan, Ph.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Adriana M. Montañó, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.
Rajeev Aurora, Ph.D. for John Tavis, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Thomas Burris, Ph.D.
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Alessandro Vindigni, Ph.D.
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*

Guest:

Leslie Hinyard, 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, September 27, 2017, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 23, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.

1. RPC PROPOSALS ON FACULTY COMPENSATION AND TO GROW RESEARCH IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

Dr. Di Cera reported on the two proposals drafted by the RPC per the charge from Dean Behrms: the Faculty Compensation Proposal and the Proposal to Grow Research in the School of Medicine. Both proposals have been developed and presented to the dean. The dean has read the plans, likes the foundation and wants to discuss further. Dr. Di Cera is not sure of a timeline for the Compensation Plan. Both proposals are open for discussion and Dr. Di Cera asked RPC members to send him comments or suggestions on both plans.

It was suggested that the Faculty Compensation Proposal be shared with the faculty for input. Dr. Di Cera will speak to Dean Behrms about distributing the proposal to faculty.

2. INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Dr. Paul Hauptman, assistant dean of clinical translational research, distributed a handout titled, "Interdisciplinary Small Grant Funding Opportunity: Results from Year 1 and 2." Through the collaboration of the research deans of the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, Doisy College of Health Sciences and College for Public Health and Social Justice, an interdisciplinary research initiative was formed to foster interdisciplinary research across the Health Sciences campus. The initiative was formed to reduce barriers to interdisciplinary research by providing networking opportunities and seed funding for faculty across multiple schools. Funding (approximately \$100k per year) is needed to sustain the initiative. Given the success of the first two years, the research deans are asking for financial support to continue the program.

The RPC discussed the merits of rolling this initiative into the PRF. Dr. Di Cera offered to discuss additional funding for the PRF and this initiative with the dean.

An article co-authored by Dr. Hauptman, *Advancing the Research Mission in a Time of Mergers and Acquisitions*, was distributed with the agenda.

3. RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Olliff, vice president for research, reported that he is in the planning stage for creating two committees that would be modeled on the School of Medicine's Research Planning Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations