

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2015
2:15 p.m.
Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Joyce Koenig, M.D.
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.
Michael Rauchman, M.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
Richard DiPaolo, Ph.D., for William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Thomas Burriss, Ph.D.
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Guests:

Jeff Scherrer, 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, December 16, 2015, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 18, 2015, meeting were approved as submitted.

2.0 OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Patient Data Base Center: Jeffrey Scherrer, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, attended the November 18, 2015, RPC meeting to seek support to build a de-identified patient data registry using all points of care in SLUCare. The registry would cover the years from the implementation of EPIC and would be updated monthly through collaboration with EPIC. The registry would be a free resource to all SLU investigators and could be sustained long term by including costs for personnel in future grants.

Dr. Scherrer requested personnel support to build the registry. He attended today's meeting to present the budget and white paper that the RPC requested at the November meeting. Dr. Scherrer explained that the white paper needs further development. He discussed the SSM ambulatory care data base and the Cogito software needed to convert the data. While his team is experienced in employing SAS to convert raw patient data to analytic files, this proposal will use Cogito software to interface with registry data. He confirmed with ITS that adequate server space and computing speed will be available for storing and processing registry data. A steering committee will need to be formed for IRB approval. The RPC requested that Dr. Ray Tait attend a future meeting to discuss his plans for a big data initiative. (Dr. Tait will attend the February 24, 2016 meeting.)

2.2 Update on C-STARS Research Program: Dr. Di Cera reported that information on research opportunities with the Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills (C-STARS) is posted on the RPC website. Drs. Tavis and Hauptman summarized the projects that they are submitting to C-STARS for funding.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Frontiers in Molecular Medicine Lecture Series: Dr. Di Cera reported that as of this date, two departments have scheduled speakers: Molecular Microbiology and Immunology in January and Biochemistry of Molecular Biology in April.

4.0 RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Dr. Paul Hauptman, assistant dean for clinical translational research, reported that there was a good attendance at the December 9, 2015, Meet and Greet. The AOA poster competition is scheduled for January 14, 2016. He is expecting 45 - 50 posters. An oral presentation from the top 5 or 6 posters will follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations