

**Research Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**  
**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.  
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.  
Jane McHowat, Ph.D.  
Michael Rauchman, M.D.  
Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.  
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*  
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*  
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*  
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

**Members Excused:**

Joyce Koenig, M.D.  
John Tavis, Ph.D.  
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*  
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*

**Guests:**

Rajeev Aurora, Ph.D.  
Grant Kolar, M.D., 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, February 25, 2015, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 3, 2014, and January 28, 2015, were approved as submitted.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Microscopy Core – Five Year Plan: Grant Kolar, M.D., Ph.D., director, research microscopy and histology core facility, presented the current offerings and new direction for the core facility. New services include tissue arrays and batch TEM processing; and new SVI Huygens deconvolution and visualization software has been

purchased. Dr. Kolar discussed new upgrades to the live cell imaging system, new capabilities of the Research Microscopy and Histology Core, and his plans for the next five years.

Dr. Kolar described the three-tier capital request for microscopes and instruments submitted by the Research Microscopy and Histology Core to the Research Planning Committee's capital equipment requests. (Click [here](#) for a copy of Dr. Kolar's presentation.)

### 3.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1 Capital Equipment – Seahorse Bioscience Analyzer: Last month, Dr. William Wold submitted a capital request for the Seahorse XFe96 Flux Analyzer (\$189,700). Last week, Seahorse Bioscience gave the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology a presentation on a smaller analyzer, which would cost \$35,000. After discussing, it was decided that the Departments of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, Pharmacological and Physiological Science, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology would pay for half of the smaller analyzer, and Dr. Di Cera would ask Dean Alderson to pay the other half.

*Follow Up (March 23, 2015): The Departments of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, Pharmacological and Physiological Science, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology will contribute 25 percent per department and the School of Medicine Administration will contribute 25 percent to purchase the \$35,000 analyzer.*

### 4.0 UPDATES

- 4.1 Strategic Planning Process: Dr. Di Cera reported that eight Topical Work Groups have been formed to develop specific strategies, goals, and objectives to help the University achieve the following eight "Visions" for our future:

- SLU as a Source of Academic Excellence Rooted in Values-Based Learning
- SLU as a Center of Research & Disseminator of New Knowledge
- SLU as a Health Promoter & Provider
- SLU as a Leader in Student Access & Success
- SLU as a Discerning Steward of Resources
- SLU as an Entrepreneur for Social Justice and Responsibility
- SLU as an Advocate for St. Louis
- SLU as a Global Citizen

Dr. Eissenberg is a co-convener of the SLU as a Center of Research & Disseminator of New Knowledge topical working group, and Dr. Enrico Di Cera, Dr. Robert Fleming, and Dr. Dan Hoft are core members. David Gohara is a core member of the SLU as a Source of Academic Excellence Rooted in Values-Based Learning topical working group. Pete Ruminski is a co-convener of the SLU as a Global Citizen topical working group.

Dr. Di Cera is also a member of the Operations Review Committee, which was formed to examine operational issues identified as problematic in the Climate Survey and listening sessions.

- 4.2 Dr. Di Cera updated the RPC on his presentation to the Board of Trustees at its upcoming meeting. A discussion with questions pursued.
- 4.3 President's Research Fund – Cycle 11: There were 31 proposals submitted from the School of Medicine. Denise Johnson reported that as of the date of this meeting, 21 of the 62 reviews have been completed. All reviews are expected to be completed by March 9, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations