

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
2:30 p.m.
Beaumont Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., chairperson
Rich DiPaolo, Ph.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Denise Johnson, ex officio
John P. Long, D.V.M., ex officio
Ravi Nayak, M.D.
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, ex officio
Ratna Ray, Ph.D.
Jeff Teckman, M.D.
Mark Voigt, Ph.D.
John Walker, Ph.D.
William Wold, Ph.D.

Members Not Present:

Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., ex officio
David Ford, Ph.D.
Christine Jacobs, M.D.
Blake Noyes, M.D.

Guest

Jasmin Patel

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 23, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Di Cera announced that Dean Willmott approved a \$200k PRFcycle16 budget for the eight clinical applications. The budget for the eleven basic science applications remains at \$300k.

3. Comparative Medicine Services and Costs

Dr. Long presented an overview of the Department of Comparative Medicine operations and a breakdown of the department's financial model and per diem rates. A copy of his presentation is available in the Office of Planning and Operations. The department has two full-time faculty and 25 staff members. In FY18, 25 percent of the department operating budget was subsidized by hard dollars, which supports 62 percent of salary expenses. The remaining 38 percent of salary and all operating costs are funded through department recoveries. Dr. Long noted that information on the department website is updated regularly.

The per diem charge was discussed in detail. Despite annual increases in operational costs, the per diems have not increased in the last eight years. A comparison of Washington University and Saint Louis University per diems was presented and discussed.

Action Item: Denise Johnson to create a report on the grant dollars spent on vivarium services.

4. Research Growth Fund Update

Jasmin Patel, assistant vice president, Office of the Vice President, distributed a draft of the Research Growth Fund review criteria for the next fund. The draft proposes two levels of reviews. The first level is an objective review using defined objective metrics for each research council. The second level is a review performed by the appointed review committee. The RPC suggested that a separate pool of funding be established for tenured and associate professors.

5. Compensation Plan Update

The RPC's proposed Faculty Compensation Plan (February 8, 2019 draft) was discussed. Dr. Di Cera announced that this draft has been sent to President Pestello, Chester Gillis, interim provost, Mickey Luna, vice president of HR, David Heimbürger, vice president and chief financial officer, department chairs and other schools in the University for feedback. He will present the feedback at the March RPC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations