

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
2:15 p.m.
Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.
John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.
Terry Egan, Ph.D.
Ranjit Ray, Ph.D., for Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Ratna Ray, Ph.D., for Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.
Adriana M. Montañó, Ph.D.
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.
John Tavis, Ph.D.
Alessandro Vindigni, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, *ex officio*
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

Members Not Present:

Brian Boutwell, Ph.D.
Thomas Burriss, Ph.D.

Guests

Amy Harkins, Ph.D.
Michelle Sabick, Ph.D.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 24, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

1. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TASK FORCE

At the request of Dr. Ken Olliff, vice president for research, Dr. Michelle Sabick, dean, Parks College, updated the RPC on the Science and Engineering Task Force. The charge of the Task Force is to 1) build the sciences and engineering in ways that enhance the University's mission, 2) deepen our impact in St. Louis and in our disciplines/professions, and 3) attract talented students, staff, and faculty. The membership consists of:

- Dr. Michelle Sabick (co-chair), dean, Parks College
- Dr. Ken Olliff (co-chair), vice president for research
- Dr. Dana Baum, Department of Chemistry
- Dr. Douglas Boin, Department of History
- Dr. Elena Bray-Speth, Department of Biology
- Dr. Erin Chambers, Department of Computer Science
- Dr. Amy Harkins, Department of Clinical Health Sciences
- Dr. Alessandro Vindigni, Department Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Dr. Jonathan Smith, vice president, Diversity and Community Engagement

Sixty-three percent of the prospective student majors for Fall 2017 are STEM majors; the national average is 45 percent.

The goals to grow research at SLU over the next five years are to:

- Double research enterprise from \$50M to \$100M
- Grow university-wide areas of research distinction
- Raise the profile and impact of SLU as a preeminent regional research university

Diversity and inclusion, obstacles that need to be removed for SLU to reach its goals, were discussed.

Action Item: Alessandro Vindigni, Ph.D., to be added to the distribution list to receive updates on the Science and Engineering Task Force to report back to the RPC.

2. PRESIDENT'S RESEARCH FUND – CYCLE 15 UPDATE

Dr. Di Cera reported that \$300k has been allocated to the School of Medicine and that 27 applications have been submitted for Cycle 15. The study section will meet at noon on March 28, 2018. There will be no March RPC meeting.

PRF Cycle 15 Study Section members are Drs. Joe Eissenberg, Jeffrey Scherer, Alessandro Vindigni, Paul Hauptman, Dan Hoft, Bill Wold, John Edwards, James Brien, Marvin Meyers, Jane McHowat, Debra Zand, Noah Hillman and Enrico Di Cera.

3. RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Joel Eissenberg, associate dean for research, reported that he and Dr. Paul Hauptman, assistant dean of clinical translational research, are reviewing applications for the summer fellowship program.

Ken Olliff reported that a School of Medicine dashboard is to be created and when completed, those files can be linked to the RPC minutes. He also updated the RPC on the Big Program project, year-to-date awards and expenditures, and the new F&A policy. The 2nd annual Scholarly Works Reception is scheduled for this Friday, March 2, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations