

**Research Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 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.  
Joyce Koenig, M.D.  
Reigh-Yi Lin, Ph.D.  
Jane McHowat, Ph.D.  
Michael Rauchman, M.D.  
Richard DiPaolo, Ph.D. for John Tavis, Ph.D.  
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*  
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*  
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*  
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

**Members Excused:**

Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.  
Paul Hauptman, M.D., *ex officio*  
Raymond Tait, Ph.D., *ex officio*

**Guest:**

Peter Ruminski

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, January 28, 2015, in the Doisy Research Center, 9th Floor Conference Room.

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 3, 2014, meeting will be distributed via email for approval.

2.0 UPDATES

2.1 Strategic Planning Update: Dr. Di Cera provided an update on the strategic planning process. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee has formed eight topical work groups. Dr. Eissenberg is co-convenor of the Center of Research and Disseminator of Knowledge topical work group, and Drs. DiCera, Fleming and Hoft are at-large core

members. An Operations Review Committee has been formed to examine and assess operational issues identified as problematic in the Climate Survey. This committee will coordinate efforts and review input to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Dr. DiCera has been appointed to this committee.

Dr. Di Cera reported on his update to the Faculty Senate. He presented slides to the Faculty Senate on research trends and reported on steps taken to address research at the School of Medicine.

### 3.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 3.1 FY16 Capital Requests: Four requests for capital equipment were submitted: (1) Agilent UHD Accurate mass spectrometer (\$500K, Center for World Health and Medicine), (2) microscopes and instruments (\$250K, Research Microscopy and Histology Core), (3) Seahorse Bioscience analyzer and prep station (\$208K, MMI), and (4) capillary/nanoflow liquid chromatography system (\$70K, Protein Core Facility). Peter Ruminski, executive director for the Center for World Health and Medicine, presented the request for the Agilent UHD Accurate mass spectrometer. After discussing the four requests, the RPC approved and prioritized the requests to be submitted for the FY16 capital budget.
- 3.2 February Town Hall Meeting: Dr. Di Cera reported that the focus of the February 4, 2015, Research Town Hall Meeting will be on the future of the President's Research Fund.
- 3.3 President's Research Fund (PRF): There were 31 proposals submitted to the PRF for cycle 11. The RPC subcommittee to coordinate reviews consists of Drs. Rauchman, McHowat, Eissenberg, Burris, DiCera and Long.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations