

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2020
2:30 p.m.
Zoom Video Conference
Minutes

Members Present:

David Ford, Ph.D., chairperson
Enrico Di Cera, M.D.
Rich DiPaolo, Ph.D.
Noah Hillman, M.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Denise Johnson, ex officio
Oleg Kisselev, Ph.D., ex officio
Christine Jacobs, M.D.
John Long, D.V.M., ex officio
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, ex officio
Ratna Ray, Ph.D.
Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.
Jeff Teckman, M.D.
John Walker, Ph.D.

Members Not Present:

Ravi Nayak, M.D.
William Wold, Ph.D.

The Minutes of the February 26, 2020, meeting were approved as submitted.

1. Research Lab Continuity

Dr. Di Cera reported that all PIs were requested to develop a research continuity plan with a list of their personnel designated as essential, non-essential or important. Only essential personnel will be given access to the Doisy Research Center. This list can be modified if needed.

2. Growing the Clinical Department Research Portfolio

Dr. Teckman updated the Committee on his efforts to draft a bullet document on the needs of the clinical departments to grow their research portfolio. The lack of positive incentives for clinical faculty to conduct research, a bonus plan tied to external funding, protective time, and various types of incentives and strategies were discussed at length. The Committee agreed that the next step would be a meeting with Tammy Burton, associate dean of finance, after the COVID-19 financial situation improves. This topic will be included in the May RPC agenda.

3. School of Medicine Research Updates

Dr. DiCera reported that:

- a) An incentive plan for research, using resources from the Doisy Fund, was submitted to the Dean.
- b) The direct and indirects for the first half of FY20 are not good. Direct and indirects have declined in both clinical and basic science departments.

4. OVPR Updates Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA

Dr. Ford reported that he met with the University's Research Growth Committee, and the Committee approved his proposal that the Research Planning Committee control the \$300K Research Growth Fund allocation to the School of Medicine and that the cap be increased to \$100K. The next step is for the RPC to develop a mechanism on how to disburse the funds.

Ken Olliff announced that, due to COVID-19, the Office of the Vice President for Research is working entirely remotely. The Research Growth Committee will soon release a special COVID-19 fund. Jasmin Patel is working with faculty to identify COVID-19 funding opportunities. Next week, he is meeting with Rex Sinquefield.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations