

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

Members Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., chairperson
Tammy Burton, ex officio
Rich DiPaolo, Ph.D.
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., ex officio
David Ford, Ph.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Christine Jacobs, M.D.
Denise Johnson, ex officio
John P. Long, D.V.M., ex officio
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, ex officio
Ratna Ray, Ph.D.
Mark Voigt, Ph.D.
John Walker, Ph.D.
Gary Whitworth, ex officio
William Wold, Ph.D.

Members Not Present:

Ravi Nayak, M.D.
Blake Noyes, M.D.
Jeff Teckman, M.D.

Guest

Mark Haenchen

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 27, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted.

2. PRF CYCLE 16 UPDATE

Dr. Di Cera announced the awardees for PRF Cycle 16:

Basic Science Departments

Anutosh Chakraborty, Ph.D., Pharmacological & Physiological Science, PRF01, \$50,000
Colin Flaveny, Ph.D., Pharmacological & Physiological Science, PRF03, \$50,000
Nicola Pozzi, Ph.D., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PRF01, \$50,000
Sergey Korolev, Ph.D., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PRF01, \$50,000
Daniel Hawiger, M.D., Ph.D., Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, PRF01, \$50,000
Ratna Ray, Ph.D., Pathology, PRF01, \$25,000
Jinsong Zhang, Ph.D., Pharmacological & Physiological Science, PRF01, \$25,000

Clinical Departments

Guangyong Peng, M.D., Internal Medicine, PRF03, \$50,000
Sameer Siddiqui, M.D., Surgery, PRF01, \$50,000

Ajay Jain, M.D., Pediatrics, PRF01, \$50,000
Jaya Gnana-Prakasam, Ph.D., Ophthalmology, PRF01,\$50,000

3. LABORATORY INSTRUMENTATION INVENTORY

Mark Haenchen, executive director, Research Integrity and Safety Group, presented a research laboratory equipment and instrumentation inventory sharing project plan. A handout (on file in the Office of Planning and Operations) was distributed prior to the meeting. Mark asked the RPC for input on the project, which is in the preliminary exploration phase. The RPC supports such a tool but emphasized that a communication strategy and procedure for keeping the inventory updated needs to be developed. Mark will keep the RPC updated on the plan progress.

4. COMPARATIVE MEDICINE CHARGES

Dr. Di Paolo initiated a discussion on feedback he collected from the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology on the benefit to researchers if a 50 percent reduction on Comparative Medicine costs was effected. Dr. Long reported on the cost reductions his department will be implementing. Following a discussion, Dr. Di Cera offered to generate a proposal to reduce the burden of Comparative Medicine charges on the PI.

5. CLINICAL TRIALS TASK FORCE REPORT

Dr. Di Cera distributed a copy of the Operational Assessment and Recommendations for Change in the Conduct of Clinical Trials (copy on file in the Office of Planning and Operations), which was the final report of the Clinical Trials Task Force. There were no questions from the Committee. Dr. Di Cera asked that comments be sent to him or Dean Wilmott.

6. UPDATE ON RPC COMPENSATION PLAN

Dr. Di Cera distributed the current revision that was reviewed by Human Resources and the Office of the General Counsel. This latest version will apply to tenure-track faculty in the School of Medicine involved in research full time (100%) in basic science departments, or part-time (at least 70%) in clinical departments. He explained the rationale of the plan, which is to grow research, and the "Bonus" part of the plan, which applies to all faculty who recover 50% level or higher whether tenure-track or non-tenure track. The plan will be presented to faculty on April 15, 2019.

After a thorough discussion, the RPC agreed to change the expected salary recovery from 50% to 20% and eliminate non-tenured track faculty.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Johnson
Director, Planning and Operations