

**Research Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**  
**2:15 p.m.**  
**Doisy Research Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair  
Rich DiPaolo, Ph.D.  
Dale Dorsett, Ph.D.  
Terry Egan, Ph.D.  
Daniel Hawiger, M.D., Ph.D.  
Grant Kolar, Ph.D.  
Jackie Kornbluth, Ph.D.  
Adriana M. Montañó, Ph.D.  
Jeff Scherrer, Ph.D.  
Alessandro Vindigni, Ph.D.  
Joel Eissenberg, Ph.D., *ex officio*  
Denise Johnson, *ex officio*  
John Long, D.V.M., *ex officio*  
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, *ex officio*  
Mark Voigt, Ph.D., *ex officio*  
William Wold, Ph.D., *ex officio*

**Members Not Present:**

Brian Boutwell, Ph.D.  
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.

**Guests**

John Edwards, M.D., Ph.D.  
Jasmin Patel  
John Tavis, Ph.D.

**MINUTES**

1. RPC MEMBERSHIP AND STRATEGY

Dr. Di Cera announced that at the October 24, 2018, session of the General Faculty, the following proposed changes to the Research Planning Committee (RPC) membership were presented, discussed and approved to move forward to all faculty for a final vote.

**CURRENT**

There shall be twelve members of the committee comprised of both full time basic science and clinical faculty. Members of the committee shall be appointed by the Committee on Faculty Affairs, and serve three-year terms. The Dean shall also appoint the Chairperson who serves for a three-year term. Ex-officio members without vote shall include the Associate Dean for Research, Assistant

Dean for Clinical Translational Research and Associate Dean for Finance and Administration for the Health Sciences Center. The Office of Planning and Operations shall provide administrative support.

**PROPOSED CHANGES (in red)**

There shall be **six** voting members of the committee comprised of **three** full time basic science **and three full time** clinical faculty appointed by the Committee on Faculty Affairs for three-year terms. **In addition, there shall be six voting members appointed ex officio and comprised of the chairs of the three basic science and three clinical departments accounting for the largest amount of departmental funding, i.e., total expenditures from extramural sources, over the previous three years. The roster of these ex officio members will be updated every three years.** The Dean shall also appoint the Chairperson who serves **as a voting member of the committee** for a three-year term. Ex-officio members without vote shall include the Associate Dean for Research, Assistant Dean for Clinical Translational Research, Associate Dean for Finance and Administration for the Health Sciences Center, **Chair of Comparative Medicine and a representative of the Office of the Vice President for Research.** The Office of Planning and Operations shall provide administrative support.

The Committee discussed the proposed changes. As before, committee members who are unable to attend a RPC meeting may send a designee.

The strategy for the RPC moving forward will be discussed after the proposed membership changes are approved and Dr. Robert Wilmott gives his charge to the RPC.

**2. RESEARCH GROWTH FUND**

Ken Olliff, vice president for research, and Jasmin Patel, associate vice president for research, reported on the Research Growth Fund (RGF), a source of funding for University faculty to help achieve research goals and ambitions, and make progress towards the goals of the Saint Louis University Research Institute. The RGF is separate from the President's Research Fund (PRF). The RGF is flexible and funding can be requested for activities that advance research and scholarship growth.

Proposals will be evaluated by one of the Research Councils or the SOM Research Planning Committee. Applicants are asked to determine which council/committee is best suited to review the application. The Research Councils and Research Planning Committee will make recommendations for funding. The Research Growth Committee will provide oversight to ensure standard processes across the review committees and address any questions and concerns of the committees. The chairs of each of the Research Councils and the Research Planning Committee also serve on the Research Growth Committee. The Research Growth Committee will receive the funding recommendations from each Research Council/Committee and will develop a portfolio of projects for funding.

The Request for Proposals for Cycle 1 opened on October 8, 2018, and will close on November 9, 2018. Awardees will be notified by December 31, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations