

**Research Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom Video Conference**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

David Ford, Ph.D., chairperson  
Tammy Burton, CPA, ex officio  
Enrico Di Cera, M.D.  
Rich DiPaolo, Ph.D.  
Noah Hillman, M.D.  
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.  
Christine Jacobs, M.D.  
Denise Johnson, ex officio  
Oleg Kisselev, Ph.D., ex officio  
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.  
William Wold, Ph.D.

**Members Not Present:**

Ravi Nayak, M.D.

**Guests**

Matthew Christian  
Grant Kolar, Ph.D.  
Angela Spencer, MLS  
Donghua Tao, M.L.I.S., M.S., Ph.D.

- 1. The Minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.**
  
- 2. Medical Center Library Services**  
Angela Spencer and Dr. Donghua Tao, library liaisons to the School of Medicine and clinical support, updated the Committee on library resources, training on PubMed and other databases, literature searches, extensive literature search support for systematic and scoping review, including building strategies across multiple databases. Ms. Spencer and Dr. Tao recently conducted a needs assessment survey for data management. The survey results along with an executive summary are attached.
  
- 3. Research Microscopy and Histology Core**  
Dr. Grant Kolar presented a summary of the Research Microscopy and Histology Core and its current offerings, budget, usage statistics, and

alternatives in the region. The Core's three-year plan was presented. Two major new pieces of equipment were discussed for acquisition over the next two years. A spinning disk confocal microscope, along with its immediate need for the live cell capabilities without a viable alternatives was presented. The need for a digital spatial transcriptomics system (GeoMX) was discussed, as well as a light sheet system that could be sought through a S10 small equipment grant.

An extensive discussion regarding the digital spatial transcriptomics system and associated Illumina sequencer was held. The Committee suggested that it would be better to request the spinning disk confocal this year and the GeoMX system, given its uniqueness in the region, in FY22.

**4. Vice Dean, SOM Research, Updates**

Dr. Di Cera did not have updates, but reminded the chairs to submit a research plan as part of their charters.

**5. OVPR Updates**

Ken Olliff reported that the next step for the School of Medicine Research Growth Plan is to form a steering committee. Copies of the Research Institute's 200-page document covering the first two years of the institute will be distributed soon.

Matthew Christian updated the Committee on Workday and the problems that are being addressed. The data integrity issues have been resolve, and as of Monday, users should be able to run labor reports.

Tammy Burton reviewed the process flow for getting awards approved in Workday. The Medical Center Finance Office will send a process flow document to the PI when the award is received.

**6. Other Business**

Dr. Ford reported that he will distribute the Research Growth Fund document after the PRF Cycle 18 is completed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations