

**Research Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 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.  
Ravi Nayak, M.D.  
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:**

John Long, D.V.M., ex officio

**Guests**

Tammy Burton, CPA  
Robert Wilmott, M.D.

**1. The Minutes of the October 28, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted**

**2. Role of the RPC in Capital Request Planning**

Tammy Burton, CPA, associate dean, Medical Center Finance, presented a proposal that the RPC take the lead in approving and prioritizing unfunded capital requests for research equipment. She would also like the input of the RPC on funding opportunities for unfunded capital requests. The RPC is being asked to prioritize capital requests based on investments that are best for the School of Medicine. Dr. Ford suggested that the RPC start compiling a list of equipment needs.

**3. Research Growth Plan**

Ken Olliff presented a proposed Research Growth Plan for the School of Medicine. He and Dean Wilmott are proposing a plan to double the School of Medicine research expenditures over the next five years from \$31M to \$62M. Approximately \$50M will be invested over the next five years with funds from the Doisy Fund, Research Institute, fundraising, salary recovery and new F&A. The five key elements of the growth plan were discussed: investments, priorities, steering committee and communications.

Dean Willmott stressed the importance of 1) recruiting faculty with potential to get funded; and 2) existing faculty submitting more grants seeking higher salary recoveries. The responsibility of department chairs in growing department research and the role of the RPC in directing the research growth in the School of Medicine were discussed. Dean Willmott would like the department chairs to talk to the RPC before coming to the dean with requests for new research faculty.

#### **4. Research Growth Fund David Ford, Ph.D.**

Dr. Ford presented a Research Growth Fund request from Dr. Richard Di Paolo to fund supplies to perform single cell RNA sequencing reactions that will go to the Genome Center. It was proposed that SLU researchers send proposals to the RPC for approval to use the supplies funded by the Research Growth Fund. The proposals should emphasize how the use of these supplies will generate critical data needed for a high impact publication and support an existing or future grant application. By providing supplies, the funds will subsidize the cost of generating these data. The RPC approved this request.

#### **5. Other Business Dave Ford, Ph.D.**

- Dr. Ford will distribute a Washington University Just-In-Time proposal to the RPC for comments to use for the Research Growth Fund.
- Dr. DiPaolo initiated a discussion on the length to time it takes to process requests through WorkDay.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Johnson  
Director, Planning and Operations