# MINUTES FOR THE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

**Friday July 10, 2025 TEAMS Meeting 2:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Arrigo "Ricky" De Benedetti, Ph.D., Chairman

Christopher Schmoutz, Ph.D., Vice–Chairman

Stephanie Ander, Ph.D.
Omar Franco, M.D., Ph.D.
Hongyan Guo, Ph.D.
Rebecca Murphy, Ph.D.
Xinggui Shen, Ph.D.
Vesna Tesic, Ph.D.
Jessica Esparza, Ph.D.
Monica Cartelle Gestal, Ph.D.
Sarah Harold, B.S., Coordinator
Krista Rodgers, Ph.D.
Demonzo Mcginnis, B.S.(BSO)

**ABSENT:**

Seong Kim, Ph.D.
Michael Stroud, B.S., (BOS)
Hong Sun, Ph.D.
Hugh Price, DVM
Tousif Sultan, Ph.D
Valerie White (OSPTT) Ex-Officio

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting called to order at 2:30pm with a quorum of 11 voting members.

**II. Welcome new voting members:**

Demonzo Mcginnis/Biosafety Officer
Dr. Stephaine Ander/Microbiology
Dr. Tousif Sultan/Cell Bio. & Anatomy
Dr. Vesna Tesic/Neurology

**III. Nominate a new Vice -Chairman:** Dr. Chris Schmoutz/Pharmacology

**IV. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.**

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**V. NEW PROTOCOLS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**B26-001 –** MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF CARDIAC FUNCTION AND DYSFUNCTION. The committee unanimously voted **CONTINGENT APPROVAL** with a quorum present.

**B26-002 –** CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES AND BIOLOGY. Submission incomplete, moved to August meeting.

**B26-003** – FUNCTION AND REGULATION OF HMGXB4, ASPH AND NPNT IN VASCULAR DISEASES. The committee unanimously voted **CONTINGENT APPROVAL** with a quorum present.

*VI.* **CONTINGENT APPROVALS:** The following protocols were reviewed by the BSL3 Subcommittee:

**A.** **B25-006** – BSL3 IMMUNOMETABOLIC DRIVERS OF TUBERCULOSIS PATHOGENESIS.

PI responded to the BSL3 subcommittee's comments. The subcommittee approved the protocol revisions which were reviewed by the IBC. The IBC determined CONTINENT APPROVAL with MODIFICATIONS REQUIRD by unanimous vote with a quorum present.

**B.** B25-007 – BSL3 MOLECULAR PATHOGENESIS, IMMUNITY, AND ECOLOGY OF ARTHROPOD-BORNE BSL3 VIRUSES. The subcommittee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED by unanimous vote with a quorum present. To date there has been no response from either of the PI's.

**C.** B25-010 **– BSL3 Microbiology** – VIROLOGY

The PI has submitted a protocol that was reviewed by the BSL3 subcommittee. The subcommittee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED by unanimous vote with a quorum present.

**VII.** **TERMINATIONS:** None

**VIII.** **Old Business:**

BRI BSL3 Lab Biosafety Manual and SOP's for the this lab space were FULLY APPROVED by unanimous vote with a quorum present.

**IX.** **NEW BUSINESS:**

Kevin Murnane, Ph.D. – Term ended we thank him for his service.

**X.** **ANNUAL RENEWALS:** Fully approved by unanimous vote:

B06-003 – Microbiology
B15-088 – Pharmacology
B20-007 – Pharmacology
B22-004 – Pharamcology

**XI.** **NON-RESPONDER ANNUAL RENEWALS:** None

**XII.** **ADD/DELETE MEMOS:** All listed completed training and were approved by unanimous vote unless indicated. Contingent until complete.
B06-003 – Microbiology DELETE – graduate student
B15-003 – Pharmacology ADD – graduate student

B20-007 – Pharmacology DELETE – RA
ADD – undergraduate Centenary Cellular Program
B25-009 – Cell Bio. & Anatomy ADD – Research Scientist
B22-001 – Neurology ADD Postdoc

**XIII. Contingent ADD MEMOS:** None

**Adjourn:** Friday July 10, 2025 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

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Sarah Harold, B.S., Coordinator

Approved:

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Arrigo DeBenedetti, Ph.D.
Chairman, Biosafety Committee