MINUTES FOR THE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday August 18, 2025, 2:30pm

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

Christopher Schmoutz, Ph.D., Vice–Chairman

Stephanie Ander, Ph.D.
Monica Cartelle Gestal, Ph.D.
Sarah Harold, B.S., Coordinator
Demonzo Mcginnis, B.S.(BSO)
Krista Rodgers, Ph.D.
Tousif Sultan, Ph.D
Vesna Tesic, Ph.D.
Omar Franco, M.D., Ph.D.
Hongyan Guo, Ph.D.
Seong Kim, Ph.D.
Hugh Price, DVM
Xinggui Shen, Ph.D.
Hong Sun, Ph.D.

ABSENT:

Jessica Esparza, Ph.D.
Stroud, B.S., (BOS)
Rebecca Murphy, Ph.D. Michael
Valerie White (OSPTT) Ex-Officio

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting called to order at 2:30pm with a quorum of 14 voting members.

II. **GUEST:** Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs addressed the committee concerning an electronic submission system.

III. **Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.** July 10, 2025 Minutes

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

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.

V. **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. APPROVAL at the July 10, 2025

meeting with MODIFICATIONS REQUIRD by unanimous vote with a quorum present. The PI responded to al the committee comments which were reviewed at the August 18, 2025 meeting and **moved to the FULLY APPROVED category.**

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. The protocol reviewed by the IBC on August 18, 2025 and remains in the CONTINGETN APPROVAL category.

D. **B26-001 –** MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF CARDIAC FUNCTION AND DYSFUNCTION. The committee unanimously voted **CONTINGENT APPROVAL** with a quorum present. The PI responded to the committee comment and the protocol was moved to **FULLY APPROVED category August 12, 2025.**

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

VI. **TERMINATIONS:** None

VII. **Old Business:** None

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. A motion was made to disband the BSL3 subcommittee. The motion was APPROVED by unanimous vote with a quorum present.

B. **Modifications:**

1. **B97-209 –** The PI is expanding the scope of research. **APPROVED**
2. **B99-002 –** The PI added a student to complete her thesis due to the departure from the institution by the original mentor. **APPROVED**
3. **B25-004** – Bacteria strains were added to the protocol. **APPROVED**

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

B06-002 – Microbiology
B08-001 – Pathology
B18-001 – Research CORE
B21-002 – Pathology
B24-001 – Neurosurgery

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

XI. **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

XII. **Contingent ADD MEMOS:** None

Adjourn: Monday August 18, 2025, 3:06pm

Respectfully submitted:

Sarah Harold
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Sarah Harold, B.S., Coordinator

Approved:
Arrigo De Benedetti
Arrigo De Benedetti (Dec 3, 2025 12:50:20 CST)
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Arrigo DeBenedetti, Ph.D.
Chairman, Biosafety Committee

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