MINUTES FOR THE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday September 25, 2025 Meeting 2:30pm

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

Christopher Schmoutz, Ph.D., Vice–Chairman

Stephanie Ander, Ph.D.
Jessica Esparza, Ph.D.
Monica Cartelle Gestal, Ph.D.
Sarah Harold, B.S., Asst. Dir. AC
Demonzo Mcginnis, B.S., BSO
Krista Rodgers, Ph.D.
Tousif Sultan, Ph.D
Vesna Tesic, Ph.D.
Ana Maria Dragoi, 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:

Rebecca Murphy, Ph.D.
Michael Stroud, B.S., (BOS)

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting called to order at 2:30pm with a quorum of 16 voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting. August 18, 2025, Minutes

III. NEW PROTOCOLS TO BE CONSIDERED:

B26-006 – SCREENING IN HERPESVIRUSES: TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATION OF KSHV. The committee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL with minor modifications required by unanimous vote.

B26-007 – GLYCOSYLATION AND CELL-CELL COMMUNICATION. The committee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL with minor modifications required by unanimous vote.

B26-008 – INVESTIGATING AFFERENT BAROREFLEX DYSFUNCTION IN HYPERTENSION. The protocol was incomplete and TABLED until the October meeting by unanimous vote.

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

A. 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.

B. B25-010 – BSL3 VIROLOGY
The PI has submitted a protocol that was reviewed by the BSL3 subcommittee. The subcommittee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL with MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED by unanimous vote with a quorum present.

V. TERMINATIONS: None

VI. Old Business: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:
A. Welcome a new member.
B. Modification: B25-003/Microbiology – The PI is adding tissue samples, and which was approved by unanimous vote.

VIII. ANNUAL RENEWALS: Fully approved by unanimous vote:
B05-014 – Otolaryngology
B20-003 – Anatomy
B22-066 – Pharmacology
B23-003 – Neurosurgery

IX. NON-RESPONDER ANNUAL RENEWALS: None

X. ADD/DELETE MEMOS: All listed completed training and were approved by unanimous vote unless indicated. Contingent until complete.
B16-004 – Neurology
ADD: Postdoctoral Fellow
B20-007 – Pharmacology
ADD: Two transient employees
B21-002 – Pathology
ADD: Two M.D.'s from Otolaryngology
B25-008 – Pathology
ADD: Research Associate

XI. Contingent ADD MEMOS: None

Adjourn: Thursday September 25, 2025, 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

Sarah Harold

Sarah Harold, B.S.
Assistant Director, Assurance Committees

Approved:

Arrigo De Benedetti

Arrigo De Benedetti (Dec 3, 2025 13:27:18 CST)

Arrigo DeBenedetti, Ph.D.
Chairman, Biosafety Committee

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