MINUTES FOR THE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday February 27, 2026

PRESENT: Christopher Schmoutz, Ph.D., Vice-Chairman

Ana Maria Dragoi, Ph.D.
Sarah Harold, B.S.
DeMonzo Mcginnis, B.S. (BSO)
Hugh Price, DVM
Tousif Sultan, Ph.D
Vesna Tesic, Ph.D.
Hongyan Guo, Ph.D.
Seong Kim, Ph.D
Rebecca Murphy, Ph.D.
Xinggui Shen, Ph.D.
Hong Sun, Ph.D.

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

Stephanie Ander, Ph.D.
Omar Franco, M.D., Ph.D
Krista Queen, Ph.D.
Jessica Esparza, Ph.D.
Ashley Krukowsky, (OSP)
Michael Stroud, B.S., Safety

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting called February 27, 2026 at with a quorum of 11 voting members.

II. **Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.** Minutes January 29, 2025

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

B25-007/Microbiology – **MOLECULAR PATHOGENESIS, IMMUNITY, AND ECOLOGY OF ARTHROPOD-BORNE BSL3 VIRUSES.** The PI responded to the committee's comments and the protocol was moved the FULLY APPRVED category.

B26-011/Pharmacology – SARS-CoV-2 BSL-3 Virology.

B26-012/Pharmacology – Lymphatic Endothelial Piezo1–TRPV4 Channel Signaling in Obesity. see attached

IV. **TABLED PROTOCOLS WITH MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED:** *None*

V. **CONTINGENT APPROVALS:** *None*

VI. **TERMINATIONS:** *None*

VII. **Old Business:** *None*

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** New Safety Policy presented by DeMonzo McGinnis, BSO.

IX. ANNUAL RENEWALS: Approved by unanimous vote.

B15-001/Pathology – Sigmar1 Receptor and Cardioprotection.

X. NON-RESPONDER ANNUAL RENEWALS:

B08-004/Pediatrics has not submitted his 2025 annual renewal.

XI. ADD/DELETE MEMOS: All listed completed training and were approved by unanimous vote unless indicated.

B02-007 – Pathology
ADD: Graduate student; training complete.
B20-004 – Microbiology
ADD: Graduate student; training complete
B25-008 – Pathology
ADD: Postdoc; training complete
B25-009 – Anatomy
ADD: Transient; training complete

XII. Contingent ADD MEMOS: Contingent until training is complete.

B21-002/Pathology
ADD: Resident (training incomplete). Addition disapproved by unanimous vote.

Adjourn: 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

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Sarah Harold, B.S.

Assistant Director, Assurance Committees

Approved:

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Arrigo DeBenedetti, Ph.D.

Chair, Biosafety Committee