MINUTES FOR THE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday April 30, 2026

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

Stephanie Ander, Ph.D.
Jessica Esparza, Ph.D.
Hongyan Guo, Ph.D.
Seong Kim, Ph.D
Hugh Price, DVM
Xinggui Shen, Ph.D.
Hong Sun, Ph.D.
Ana Maria Dragoi, Ph.D.
Omar Franco, M.D., Ph.D
Sarah Harold, B.S.
DeMonzo Mcginnis, B.S. (BSO)
Krista Queen, Ph.D.
Tousif Sultan, Ph.D

Guests:
Lawrence Ware
Cheradee Williams

ABSENT: Arrigo "Ricky" De Benedetti, Ph.D., Chairman
Ashley Krukowsky, (OSP)
Rebecca Murphy, Ph.D.
Vesna Tesic, Ph.D.

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting called to order with a quorum of 12 voting members.

II. **Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.** Minutes March 26, 2026

III. **NEW PROTOCOLS TO BE CONSIDERED:** *None*

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

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

VI. **TERMINATIONS:**

B95-246 – P*hysiology –The PI has retired and relinquished his lab space.*

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

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** Modifications

B21-004/Physiology – Room Addition

The BSC is the room addition need to be certified and the PI will notify the committee when it has been inspected. BSC inspections will occur in May. This modification was moved to the CONTINGENT APPROVAL category. Waiting on BSC inspection date.

A. Modification
B22-001 – Neurology – The PI is adding HVRDi001-A-1 stem cell line. An MTA pending. See attached.

B. Announcement: BSC inspections are scheduled to begin on May 11, 2026.

IX. **ANNUAL RENEWALS:** All annual updates were Contingently Approved by unanimous vote due to minor issues.

X. **B95-201 –** Pharmacology 2026 – RECEPTOR BINDING.
B08-004 – Pediatrics 2025 – INFECTIOUS DISEASES
[redacted] waiting for Signature Page, updated Chemical Hygiene, and Lab Inspection Form.
B15-009 – Physiology 2026 – MECHANISMS OF CANCER METASTASIS / NEISSERIA PATHOGENESIS.
B15-009 – 2026 – MECHANISMS OF CANCER METASTASIS / NEISSERIA PATHOGENESIS.
B20-005 – Biochemistry 2026 – MECHANISTIC STUDIES ON AMINOACYL-TRNA SYNTHETASES AND RELATED ENZYMES AND THEIR ROLE IN DISEASE.
B22-022 – 2026 – HERPESVIRUS INFECTION AND HOST ANTIVIRAL MECHANISM.

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

XII. **ADD/DELETE MEMOS:** All listed completed training and were approved by unanimous vote unless indicated.
B02-007 – Pathology
ADD: Postdoc, training complete.
B16-004 – Neurology
ADD: Student Worker, training incomplete
ADD: Research Associate, training complete.
B-21-001 – Physiology
ADD: Transient, training complete.
ADD: Transient, training complete.
ADD: Transient, training incomplete one module left.
ADD: Postdoc, training complete.
B25-009 – Cell Bio. & Anatomy
ADD: Postdoc, training complete.
B26-002 – Pharmacology
ADD: Instructor, training complete.
B26-007 – Dr. Kimberly Tsui/Microbiology
ADD: Graduate Student, training incomplete.

XIII. **Contingent ADD MEMOS:** Contingent until training is complete.

Adjourn: 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

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Christopher Schmoutz, Ph.D.
Vice Chair, Biosafety Committee