MINUTES FOR THE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday May 28, 2026

Moved to June 4, 2026.

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

Stephanie Ander, Ph.D.
Omar Franco, M.D., Ph.D
Seong Kim, Ph.D
Rebecca Murphy, Ph.D.
Tousif Sultan, Ph.D
Hong Sun, Ph.D.
Ana Maria Dragoi, Ph.D.
Sarah Harold, B.S.
DeMonzo Mcginnis, B.S. (BSO)
Hugh Price, DVM

Guests:
Lawrence Ware
Cheradee Williams

ABSENT: Arrigo "Ricky" De Benedetti, Ph.D., Chairman
Jessica Esparza, Ph.D.
Hongyan Guo, Ph.D.
Ashley Krukowsky, (OSP)
Krista Queen, Ph.D.
Xinggui Shen, Ph.D.
Vesna Tesic, Ph.D.

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting called to order with a quorum of 10 voting members.

II. **Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.** Minutes April 30, 2026

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

B26-013 – OBGYN – VAGINAL ATRESIA, VAGINAL ELONGATION. The committee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL by unanimous vote.

B26-014 – Neurology – METABOLIC SYNDROME IMPAIRS OLIGODENDROCYTE METABOLIC SUPPORT OF NEURONS LEADING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE/ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS. The committee determined to TABLE the protocol by unanimous vote. The committee required more information for the protocol to receive a thorough review.

B26-015 – Surgery – SHORT BOWEL SYNDROME, INTESTINAL ELONGATION. The committee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL by unanimous vote.

B26-016 – Pharmacology – MOLECULAR AND TRANSLATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH USING HUMAN SPECIMENS, PATIENT DERIVED MODELS, AND RECOMBINANT DNA TECHNOLOGIES. The committee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL by unanimous vote.

IV. TABLED PROTOCOLS WITH MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED: *None*

V. CONTINGENT APPROVALS:

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.

VI. TERMINATIONS: *None*

VII. Old Business: *None*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Modifications

A. B04-002 – Biochemistry added Approximately 100ng each of recombinant adenoviruses expressing GSK3B-MYC, recombinant adenoviruses expressing GSK3B-MYC S9A, and recombinant adenoviruses expressing GSK3B-MYC K85M.

B. B25-005 – Dr. Stephanie Ander/Microbiology added hybridoma cell lines that secrete monoclonal antibodies that can be purified and used in various assays to detect virus and viral proteins. They were generated by fusing a primary murine B cell with an immortalized myeloma cell.

IX. APPROVED ANNUAL RENEWALS:

B99-001 – Physiology – DNA DAMAGE AND DNA REPAIR.

B23-005 – Biochemistry – TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT IN BENIGN AND MALIGNANT DISEASES.

X. CONTINGENT ANNUAL RENEWAL: The following annual updates were Contingently Approved by unanimous vote due to minor issues.

B95-201 – Pharmacology 2026 – RECEPTOR BINDING. More information required.
B08-004 – Pediatrics 2025 – INFECTIOUS DISEASES. **Incomplete:** waiting for Signature Page, updated Chemical Hygiene, and Lab Inspection Form.

B95-205 – Biochemistry – CHROMATIN AND TRANSCRIPTION: FUNDAMENTAL MECHANISMS.
B02-007 – Pathology – GASTROTRANSMITTERS AND ISCHEMIA.
B12-002 – Orthopedics – BONE AND CARTILAGE BIOLOGY.
B13-005 – Emergency Medicine – REGULATION OF EUKARYOTIC PROTEIN SYNTHESIS.
B15-003 – Pharmacology – ADENOSINE-GLUTAMATE SIGNALING IN ALCOHOLISM AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.
B15-006 – Microbiology – MECHANISMS OF LEGIONELLA AND NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE PATHOGENESIS.
B20-006 – Physiology – VASCULAR DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION.
B22-005 – Surgery – CIRCULATING TUMOR CELLS IN BREAST CANCER; CARCINOGENESIS OF PANCREATIC CANCER.
B22-008 – Biochemistry – MODELING NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES USING PATIENT-DERIVED NEURONS.

XI. NON-RESPONDER ANNUAL RENEWALS : *None*

XII. ADD/DELETE MEMOS: All listed completed training and were approved by unanimous vote unless indicated.
B20-003 – Cell Bio. & Anatomy
ADD: MD, PhD Student
B21-002 – Pathology
ADD: RA
ADD: Graduate Student
B26-005 –Physiology
ADD: Postdoc
B26-008 – Physiology
ADD: Assistant Professor
ADD: Postdoc
ADD: Graduate Student
ADD: Graduate Student
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XIII. Contingent ADD MEMOS: Contingent until training is complete.
B26-007 –Microbiology
ADD: Graduate Student, training incomplete.

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