MINUTES FOR THE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday June 25, 2026

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

Ana Maria Dragoi, Ph.D.
Omar Franco, M.D., Ph.D
Seong Kim, Ph.D
Rebecca Murphy, Ph.D.
Krista Queen, Ph.D.
Tousif Sultan, Ph.D
Jessica Esparza, Ph.D.
Sarah Harold, B.S.
DeMonzo Mcginnis, B.S. (BSO)
Hugh Price, DVM
Xinggui Shen, Ph.D.
Vesna Tesic, Ph.D.

Guests:
Lawrence Ware
Cheradee Williams

ABSENT: Arrigo "Ricky" De Benedetti, Ph.D., Chairman
Stephanie Ander, Ph.D.
Hongyan Guo, Ph.D.
Ashley Krukowsky, (OSP)
Hong Sun, 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. May meeting postponed to June 4, 2026.

III. NEW PROTOCOLS TO BE CONSIDERED:

B26-017 – Cellular Biology & Anatomy – BSL3 SARS-CoV-2 Tropism and Immunomodulation In Salivary Gland. The protocol required more information to facilitate a thorough review and was **TABLED** by the July 30th meeting.

IV. TABLED PROTOCOLS WITH MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

B26-014 – Neurology – METABOLIC SYNDROME IMPAIRS OLIGODENDROCYTE METABOLIC SUPPORT OF NEURONS LEADING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE/ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS. The protocol required more information for facilitate a thorough review. The PI has responded to the committees' comments which will be discussed at a Full Committee Review (FCR). As a new PI Dr. Noureldein was granted an extension on the Lab Inspections Form until the lab is

more established. He must submit a complete form in three months.

V. CONTINGENT APPROVALS:

B26-013 – OBGYN – VAGINAL ATRESIA, VAGINAL ELONGATION. The committee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL by unanimous vote. To date no response from the PI.

B26-015 – Surgery – SHORT BOWEL SYNDROME, INTESTINAL ELONGATION. The committee determined CONTINGENT APPROVAL by unanimous vote. To date no response from the PI.

VI. TERMINATIONS: *None*

VII. Old Business: *None*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BSL3 revised SOP's approved.

B. The committee discussed meeting with Safety to create a plan to designate floor/department safety officers and train them in life safety procedures.

IX. Modifications approved:

A. B15-007 – Biochemistry submitted two modifications for the addition of Plasmids.

B. B23-001 – Pathology – Added room# B-204

C. B25-003 – Microbiology added two bacteria species from colleagues in Microbiology.

X. APPROVED ANNUAL RENEWALS:

B06-002 – Microbiology – PATHOGENESIS OF HELICOBACTER, ARCANOBACTERIUM AND BACILLUS SPP.

B25-009 – Cellular Biology & Anatomy – THE ROLE OF CELL-SPECIFIC PD-L1 IN CARDIAC PATHOPHYSIOLOGY POST-ISCHEMIC INJURY AND CANCER.

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

B22-003 – Neurosurgery – UNDERSTANDING THE ELECTRO-PHYSIOLOGICAL

ROLE OF THE REWARD PATHWAY.
B22-005 – Surgery – CIRCULATING TUMOR CELLS IN BREAST CANCER; CARCINOGENESIS OF PANCREATIC CANCER.
B25-008 – Pathology – FUNCTION AND REGULATION OF MEIS1 IN VASCULAR DISEASE.

XII. NON-RESPONDER ANNUAL RENEWALS : *None*

XIII. ADD/DELETE MEMOS: All listed completed training and were approved by unanimous vote unless indicated.
B06-017 – Pharmacology
ADD: SUPER
B12-004 – Cellular Biology & Anatomy
ADD: AHA
B15-003 – Pharmacology
ADD: SUPER
B15-088 – Pharmacology
ADD: SUPER,
B15-011 –Pathology
ADD: Graduate Student
B20-006 – Physiology
ADD: Joy Dong, AHA
B21-001 – Dr. Yurdagul/Physiology
ADD: SUMMIT
B21-002 – Pathology
ADD: Elija Hunter, SUMMIT
ADD: Keerthan Jaganmohan, Lab Staff
B22-006 – Pharmacology
ADD: SUPER
B22-007 – Cellular Biology/Pathology
ADD: Graduate Student,
B25-009 –Cellular Biology/Pathology
ADD: CURIOUS
ADD: Medical Student
B26-002 –/Pharmacology
ADD: SUPER
B26-008 –Physiology
ADD: CURIOUS

XIV. Adjourn: 3:07pm

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved:

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