

SUNY Geneseo Institutional Biosafety committee Minutes
Sept 13, 2023

Meeting held on Teams at 1:30 pm

Present: Kevin Militello (acting chair for meeting), Eric Helms, Josephine Reinhardt, Frank Blasioli, Anne Baldwin, Mark Grove (outside member), Laurie Cook (outside member), Betsy Hutchison

Absent: Ed Beary, Chuck Reyes,

Call to order at 1:33 pm

The committee analyzed a BSL-2 proposal from Dr. Tara Sweet. Dr. Sweet currently has an approved BSL-1 proposal, but plans to do experiments in BSL-2 cell lines. The committee noticed that the project description was less detailed than normal, but the proposal was complete otherwise.

Specifically, some more information understandable by an educated lay person is requested about what is the purpose of the project and what experiments could be done with the cells after they are transfected. Are there assays to be performed on the cells?

Other discussion included that where the Human Cell lines would be stored wasn't described in the table in section 8. Will all human cell lines be stored on liquid nitrogen in the BSL-2 facility? This is the assumption but it's not completely clear.

A motion to accept the proposal after a stronger project description was added (6 for, 0, against, 0 abstentions).

New Business:

The committee discussed replacing committee members on sabbatical for spring 2024 (Josie Reinhardt) and 2025 (Laurie Cook). Anne Baldwin will work on this with Kevin's help.

Adjourned 1:51 pm.