DIVISION OF RESEARCH & INNOVATION
Research Integrity & Compliance
Institutional Biosafety Committee
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| Meeting Minutes (August 2026) | |
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| **Date/Time/Location** | **August 20, 2026, at 01:00 PM; Virtual 'Teams' Meeting** |
| **Type of meeting** | Regular Session – Virtual Meeting |
| | **Present** |
| **Voting Members:** | Melanie Ecker (Biomedical Engineering) |
| | Sarah Deemer (Kinesiology) |
| | Pudur Jagadeeswaran (IBC Chair) |
| | Mauricio Antunes (Biological Sciences) |
| | Robert Killam (Community member) |
| | Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan (IBC Vice-chair/BSO) |
| **Guests** | Julia Kissling (Sr. Director, RIC) |
| | Jordan Murray (Biosafety Specialist, RMS) |

**AGENDA ITEMS**

I. **Call to order** by Pudur Jagadeeswaran (Chair) at 01:00 PM

II. **Welcome:**

IBC Chair welcomed everyone.

III. **Quorum Sensing**

The Committee met a quorum.

IV. **Reminder**

Conflict of Interest announcement.

V. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

July 2026 meeting minutes for approval.

VI. **Annual Renewal and Amendment Submissions** – Reviewed and approved by the Chair or the Vice-Chair/Biosafety Officer or Subcommittee, between IBC meeting dates; no full committee decision was needed.

There are three amendments and two new protocols.

1. Dr. Sarah Deemer (KHPR): #**2025-07-14C** ***"Human Sample Collection"*** *Dr.* Deemer has added one lab member and removed one lab member. **Administratively approved.**
2. Dr. Justin Sprick (KHPR):#**2024-06-11,** **"***Cardiovascular Regulation in Health in Disease."* Dr.

Sprick has added urine sample and increased blood collection volume. **Administratively approved.**

3. Dr. Feng Gu (Biological Sciences): [redacted] **protocol for Dr. Feng Gu's lab.** Reviewed by DMR and will be administratively approved once all the concerns are resolved.
4. Dr. Ana Paula Alonso (Biological Sciences): **BioAnalytical Facility (BAF) Support of UNT Research and External Users.** Reviewed by DMR and will be administratively approved once all the concerns are resolved.

## VII. New Protocol Discussion/Decision

No new protocol to review.

## VIII. Renewal Discussion/Decision

1. Dr. Ana Paula Alonso (Biological Sciences): **Ana Alonso Lab IBC protocol for the biochemical characterization of transgenic plants**

   ***Risk Assessment*** – The IBC Protocol Registration Form, Lab-Specific Biosafety Manual, Training Records, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), and General Risk Assessment Form were circulated in advance for pre-review. This is a three-year resubmission before the expiration date, and the research is BSL2.

   ***Discussion:*** The assigned IBC Primary Reviewer presented the protocol and provided project details. The IBC Administrator confirmed that training records were sent.

   ***Conclusion:*** The IBC Primary Reviewer moved to approve the protocol upon receiving the revised version with minor edits. The committee subsequently voted unanimously to approve the protocol, contingent upon incorporation of the recommended revisions

## IX. Continuing Business/Updated

None

## X. New Business

None

## XI. Next Meeting

Next IBC meeting – Tentative Date: September 21, 2026. A poll will be sent to confirm the meeting date and time.

## XII. Adjournment

Pudur Jagadeeswaran (Chair) at 01:22 PM