

Final Report for 23/24 Academic Year

Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)

May 24, 2024

Chairpersons: Dr. Terrie Rife (Chair) and Dr. Chris Berndsen (Vice-Chair)

Committee members:

Ms. Amanda Field (Community Representative)

Ms. Tamara Hatch (Administrative Faculty)

Dr. Annette Hildabrand (Staff)

Ms. Kortnie Holton (Community Representative)

Dr. Cindy Klevickis (Faculty)

Mr. Michael Love (Administrative Faculty-Alternate)

Dr. Pradeep Menon (Faculty)

Ms. Marcella Mullenax (Administrative Faculty)

Ms. Carolyn Strong (Ex-Officio)

Ms. Carrie Tillman (Ex-Officio- Alternate)

Dr. Dorothea Tholl (Faculty- Virginia Tech)

Outgoing committee members:

Dr. Cindy Klevickis from School of Integrated Sciences will be resigning from the IBC. We will need to find a replacement from School of Integrated Sciences to represent that department.

Dr. Pradeep Menon from Biology will be resigning from the IBC. We will need to find a replacement from Biology to represent that department.

Ms. Carolyn Strong is stepping down from the committee as the Ex-Officio. Ms. Carrie Tillman will become the primary Ex-Officio.

The rest of the current members will remain on the committee.

Recommendations for incoming members:

Dr. Stephanie Stockwell, Co-Director, has recommended Dr. Amanda Sanson to serve as a representative from the School of Integrated Sciences.

23/24 meeting dates:

The IBC committee convenes once a month unless otherwise posted. The meetings were held via Zoom.

Monthly Meetings:

June 9, 2023

June 13, 2023

October 3, 2023

December 15, 2023

January 26, 2024

May 8, 2024

May 15, 2024

Annual Lab Inspections:

February 8, 2024

February 16, 2024

IBC Educational Opportunities:

- June 26, 2023 (“Biosafety Stories From the Field” webinar offered through Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL))
- November 1, 2023 (“Bio & Bytes: Cyberthreats in Biological Laboratories” webinar offered through World BioHazTec)
- January 24, 2024 (“Biosafety Program Charter (From what is a charter to a sample outline template)” webinar offered through the Biosafety Administrators Association (BSAA))
- January 29, 2024 (“Unique Biosafety Challenges in Laboratory Design” webinar offered through APHL)

Summary of committee business for 23/24:

The IBC reviewed (21) total protocols during the 2023-2024 academic year. The breakdown of those reviews is as follows:

New Protocols Submitted:	6
Exempt:	1
Continuing Review:	7
Amendment Form – Research	2
Amendment Form – Personnel	2
Final	3
Adverse Event	0
TOTAL:	<u>21</u>

Projected meeting schedule for 24/25 Academic year:
(Dates and times, if possible)

The IBC has not established a set schedule for the upcoming academic year at this time. The protocol submission deadline will be set and a convened meeting will be held within three weeks after the submissions to review the full committee protocols. Meetings are scheduled only when there are protocols submitted for review.