

University of Richmond Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 19 September 2025

Time: 12:00 – 1:00

In attendance: Julie Pollock, Christine Helms, Virginia Sykes, Amy Treonis, Mike Maceyka, David Jones, Mike Miller, Nicole Maurantonio, Jon Dattelbaum, Jennifer O'Donnell, Faith Ludwig, Emily Phaup

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from 02 May 25 by consent agenda.

Approved by consent.

Introduction – Faith Ludwig, Environmental Health & Safety Specialist.

The chair thanked the committee for getting the MUA updated so that the committee can capture more research that falls between animal and biosafety, and keeping students safe on campus.

The chair introduced Faith Ludwig, who will be working with Mike Miller, conducting lab inspections, and helping with training and compliance.

The chair also introduced Jon Dattelbaum, who will serve as the representative from the A&S Dean's office.

2. Minutes Review:

- a. All minutes should be posted on a public facing institutional website immediately after approval and once all appropriate and allowable redactions have been made.

Minute Review Calendar – IBC

Submission Deadline for Agenda items	IBC Meeting Date	Reviewer of minutes*
Friday, September 12	Friday, September 19	Christine Helms
Friday, October 17	Friday, October 24	Jennifer O'Donnell
Friday, November 14	Friday, November 21	Omar Quintero
Friday, January 23	Friday, January 30	Amy Treonis
Friday, February 20	Friday, February 27	Jonathan Dattelbaum
Friday, March 27	Friday, April 3	Julie Pollock

b. Schedule of Review:

The chair shared that Pat Coleman, Academic Administrative Coordinator, updated the IBC website so the committee can comply with NIH's request to upload a PDF of meeting minutes once approved. The chair shared the minute review calendar assignments and requested that minutes be reviewed in a timely manner.

3. Results of start-of-year survey from Julie Pollock, Chair.

The chair shared that the updated survey had been distributed to the biology, chemistry and physics departments. This will help capture everything going on and ensure if things are changing that faculty/staff are in touch with the committee.

4. Nanotechnology research discussion.

<https://researchsafety.gwu.edu/nanotechnology-safety>

The committee discussed whether nanotechnology should fall under the purview of the Biosafety Committee, noting there are no current NIH regulations but potential liability and safety concerns. The chair shared examples from GWU and the committee considered whether to incorporate nanotechnology into existing MUAs or create separate ones, with accompanying training requirements. After further discussion, the committee agreed to move forward, and Amy Treonis, Mike Maceyka, and Mike Miller will draft recommendations to review at the next meeting.

5. IBC Charter.

The chair shared that once the committee drafts recommendations for nanotechnology, the committee will review the IBC charter to incorporate what the committee has been doing over the past year. The chair will attempt a first revision to discuss at the next or December's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27p.m.