

San Jose State University (SJSU)
Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
April 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom

Members present: Savannah Conlon, PhD (BSO), Kevin McCluskey, PhD (Interim Chair), Skye Kelty, PhD (CHO), Alexander Payumo, PhD, Brandon Bonin, PhD, Cleber Ouverney, PhD, Edmund Tang, MS, Joe Grzywacz, PhD, Katy Kao, PhD, Miri vanHoven, PhD, Ningkun Wang, PhD, Wing Wan, Xiao Su, PhD, Shamika Wallace,

Guest: Jocelyn Weart

A Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM

1. Guest Jocelyn Weart speaks first, instructor of FS 57 course in Forensics Teaching Labs
 - a. Conditional approval of SOP and BUA for Forensics Teaching Labs has addressed room and hazard violations. The room is being upgraded, the SOP has been updated and aerosol-generating steps have been addressed.
 - b. The instructor wants to present sampling steps of FS 57 to demonstrate to the committee that these are not aerosol-generating steps.
 - i. Instructor has 23 years of experience in Forensic Sciences, at the SC County Crime Lab
 - ii. Just recently started teaching at SJSU
 - c. Videos were shared of sampling and spraying reagent on biological material-stained cloth
 - i. Committee previously voted to make these aerosol-generating steps
2. Biosafety Officer News
 - a. BSO requests that committee members look at administratively approved protocols when there are changes.
 - b. 2025 revised forms are not all updated. Current faculty are in the process of updating their forms onto current documentation.
3. Teaching BUAs
 - a. 6 teaching BUAs were administratively approved for BIOL 125, MICR 101, BIOL 30, MICR 123, and BIOL 116L
 - b. MICR 20L is still waiting on instructor
4. Research BUAs
 - a. Exempt letter for Shawna Bolton and Cleber Ouverney has been approved
 - b. Addition of RG1 organism to Katy Kao's BUA has been approved
 - c. Laura Miller Conrad research BUA had no changes
 - d. Leila Khatib's two research BUAs have been combined into one, and it was reviewed by Katy Kao and Cleber Ouverney
 - i. Suggestion by Skye Kelty to have this go through full committee review
 - ii. Full BUA review will occur in May meeting
5. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of aerosol generating steps for Forensics Teaching Labs

- i. Concern about certain steps being performed by undergraduate students who don't have as much experience as professionals
 - ii. Original IBC Committee vote to keep these as aerosol-generating steps still stands.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Discussion about outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) influencing our marine mammal and bird researchers.
 - i. BSO will form subcommittee meeting to discuss this concern and if researchers need to submit BUA's for their work.

Meeting adjourn: 2:05PM