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**Subject:** October 3, 2019 IBC Meeting - Agenda

11 AM – Noon

Location: 75-3157 Conference Room

**Agenda:**

1. Review of Feng Cui's IBC project form/SOP (attached)

Feng Cu's SOP and IBC project form were approved except he needs to change his form from a BSL1→BSL2 because he will be working with human cells.

-Cindy sent an email to inform him of this change and why.

Feng Cu's project was "IBC reviewer approved" by the committee. Cindy will be conducting a lab inspection.

2. Discussion about George Thurston's research with cow eyes – His response (Judy)

Judy reviewed the Sept 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes about his project, as a reminder. Today, we discussed George's response that Research 87 provided to him on screening. We all agreed that basically no screening is being done on the cows so George's project will require the eye dissection to be

performed in a biosafety cabinet. This is due to the potential of unknown pathogens so the project will require a BSL-2 designation-for the dissection.

-George will need to fill out a IBC project form.

-George will have to contact either Paul Craig or Andre Hudson about possible BSCs that he can use for the dissection.

-Judy will email George with his action items.

3. Discussion about who needs to biosafety awareness training?

a. Review of Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes on this topic.

Andre Hudson does not agree that COS students and all GoLS faculty need to take biosafety awareness training. He does agree with “everyone associated with IBC projects reviewed by the committee are mandated to take the course.”

The committee decided that EH&S will combine the lab safety course and the biosafety awareness course together.

-Judy will email Dick if he wants this to be done relatively soon since RIT is already into the fall semester and people have taken the training or should EH&S wait for fall 2020 to combine the courses.

4. Letter to deans, school heads, etc.

We decided to table this discussion until Dick can be present.

5. Any IBC projects that need Dick’s signature on forms / IBC approval letter? (Cindy/Dick)  
Only Feng’s current project is open/requiring Dick’s signature upon the completion of the lab inspection/findings.

6. Email sent to U of R about cadaver screening (Judy)

Gary discussed his conversation with the head of the Canton University’s mortuary program about our concerns with the embalming process and cadaver screening. Dr. Penepent mentioned that screening by a funeral director is a review of the cause of death noted on the death certificate.

Here’s a copy of Gary’s email notes from the discussion with Dr. Penepent. Gary’s email was sent to Dick:

“ Dick, I just completed a very informative telephone call with Dr. David Penepent, the director of the Funeral Services Administration program at SUNY Canton. I asked him about the UR’s statement that the funeral director who handles bodies donated for gross anatomy tests them for infectious disease. He was very candid and said that that statement is both true and false. The funeral director will report whatever is stated on the death certificate as the cause of death. If it was an infectious disease we’ll know about it but if it wasn’t we won’t.

He went on to explain that the preservation process used for the cadavers used in gross anatomy is much harsher than that used for bodies bound for burial. That is because cadavers must last a year or two in a lab while those to be buried need to look good for a day or two before interment or cremation. The harsher process is likely to kill every infectious agent with the exception of prion

caused diseases such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow), scrapie and Kuru for those who eat dead people in New Guinea.

We had a bit of a philosophical discussion of universal precautions and how nothing short of using a computer simulation will protect against all exposure to infectious agents and we both agreed that the best we can do is the best we can do. Before we were done he offered to join a future IBC meeting by telephone if we have any other questions.

Feel free to share any or all of this with the rest of the IBC members. “

Since RIT cannot be guaranteed that the cadavers are free of pathogens, such as prions, etc. we have decided that students/faculty need to take extra PPE precautions to prevent potential exposure. This would include wearing a faceshield and safety glasses or goggles while working with the brain including sawing.

-Judy will email this information to Jim Perkins, the medical illustrations professor, with a cc to Dick Doolittle.

Other topics:

1. No teaching lab IBC project forms have been submitted to the committee.

**Conference phone number, if needed: 475-4066 (PLEASE LET US KNOW I YOU ARE CALLING IN SO WE CAN HOOK UP THE PHONE)**

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