



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

IGEM Council Meeting

November 22, 2019

Meeting Location – Idaho Department of Commerce
 700 W. State Street, Boise – J. R. Williams Building
 Sawtooth Conference Room

IGEM Council Members Present:	Idaho Commerce Staff Present:
Dr. David Hill, Chair	Matt Borud, Marketing and Innovation Administrator
Director Tom Kealey	Carmen Achabal, IGEM Manager
Bill Gilbert	Mark Blaiser, Grants and Contracts Analyst
Dr. Harold Blackman	Kathy Schofield, Administrative Assistant
Rick Stott	
IGEM Council Members on Phone:	IGEM Investment Subcommittee Members Present:
Dr. Scott Snyder	Paul Judge
Representative Paul Amador	
Dr. Noel Bakhtian	
Von Hansen	
	Dr. Bradley Ritts – U of I (joined during public session)

Call to Order

Chairman Dr. David Hill called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Council members introduced themselves, beginning with those on the phone.

Action Item: Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Council meeting on October 1, 2019.

Moved by: Director Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Dr. Harold Blackman

Mark Blaiser’s name was misspelled in the minutes and needs to be corrected.

All in favor.

Motion approved.

Investment Subcommittee Meeting Recap – Carmen Achabal

Ten applications were submitted; 4 of which did not proceed forward because they were too early stage for IGEM funding consideration. ISC feels this is an abiding issue. Two previous applicants did not proceed forward due to (1) regulatory issues and (2) the original project had not been completed.

Carmen made a suggestion to change the order of presentations due to the confidential nature of application #3768 and necessity to properly enter and exit into executive session.

Motion: To change the agenda and change the order of presentations.

Moved by: Director Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Bill Gilbert

All in favor.

Motion approved.

Action Item: Enter Executive Session

Motion: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (d) to review records exempt from public disclosure under Idaho code Sections 74-107 (1), 74-107 (6) and/or 67-4708.

Moved by: Bill Gilbert

Seconded by: Director Tom Kealey

Roll call taken.

All in favor; no discussion.

Motion approved.

#3768: BSU – Scalable Manufacturing of On-Chip Color Tunable Lasers presented their project. (Executive Session)

Action Item: Exit Executive Session

Motion: To exit out of Executive Session.

Moved by: Rick Stott

Seconded by: Bill Gilbert

Roll call taken.

All in favor; no discussion.

Motion approved.

Council returned to public session at 9:54 a.m. The Chair noted no minutes were taken during executive session and the Council did not discuss or render any funding decisions.

Project Presentations

#3788: UI – Flocked 54 a New Genomic Selection Tool that Enhances the U.S. Sheep Industry,

Rick Stott, CEO of Superior Farms recused himself.

Funding Considerations – Dr. David Hill, Chair

#3768: BSU – Scalable Manufacturing of On-Chip Color Tunable Lasers

Motion: To approve funding for #3768 in the amount of \$242,114.

Moved by: Director Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Dr. Noel Bakhtian

Dr. Noel Bakhtian disclosed she works with Dr. Estrada (PI on this project) in his affiliation with CAES. The Chair sees no objection with Dr. Bakhtian voting on this motion.

All in favor.

Motion approved.
Dr. Harold Blackman abstained.

#3788: UI – Flocked 54 a New Genomic Selection Tool that Enhances the U.S. Sheep Industry

Motion: To approve funding for #3788 in amount of \$209,595.

Moved by: Bill Gilbert
Seconded by: Tom Kealey
Dr. Harold Blackman opposed.
Motion approved.
Rick Stott abstained,

Approval of No Cost Extension (NCE) and Budget Modification – ISU APRI Project
ISU requested a NCE to utilize project savings from personnel and equipment to purchase a robot for this project. Carmen spoke to Shane Dietrich, CEO, of House of Design, the industry partner on this project. Mr. Dietrich was very complimentary of the work from ISU and supportive of this request. This is the first extension for this project.

Motion: To approve a NCE to 04-30-2020 and budget modification.

Moved by: Bill Gilbert
Seconded by: Dr. Harold Blackman
All in favor.
Motion approved.
Dr. Noel Bakhtian abstained.

Public Comments

The next rounds of IGEM applications are due January 24, 2020. The next IGEM Council meeting is February 19, 2020. Paul Judge is the newest member of the IGEM Investment Subcommittee. Mike Wilson has resigned from the IGEM Council. Carmen publicly thanked him for his service to IGEM and to the state of Idaho. Carmen also congratulated Dr. Janet Nelson on her recent selection to serve as Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Newcastle in Australia.

The Chair thanked both Mike Wilson and Dr. Janet Nelson for their contributions to the IGEM program. Temporarily, Dr. Bradley Ritts will be the spokesperson for U of I as it relates to IGEM.

No Action Items to Review.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Bill Gilbert.
Seconded by: Dr. Harold Blackman.
All in favor; no discussion.
Chairman Dr. David Hill adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.