



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

IGEM Council Meeting

May 12, 2020

Meeting Location – Idaho Department of Commerce

Meeting held virtually due to COVID-19.

IGEM Council Members Present:	Idaho Commerce Staff Present:
Dr. David Hill	Matt Borud, Marketing and Innovation Administrator
Director Tom Kealey	Mark Blaiser, Grant Analyst
Bill Gilbert	Carmen Achabal, IGEM Program Manager
Dr. Donna Lybecker for Dr. Scott Snyder (selected to serve as Acting ISU VPR)	
Dr. Harold Blackman	Patty Morgan – Meeting Moderator Red Shoe Communications (media contractor)
Dr. Bradley Ritts	
Von Hansen	
Rick Stott	
Dr. Noel Bakhtian	

Call to Order

Dr. David Hill called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Carmen conducted a roll call of members; membership meets quorum. The minutes reflect that this meeting was held at Idaho Commerce and the teleconference phone number was published in the public domain. Members of previous projects were invited to present during this meeting. Patty Morgan from Red Shoe Communications will allow all participants in during the public session and will move participants into the lobby during Executive Session.

Action Item: Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Council meeting on March 26, 2020.

Moved: Bill Gilbert

Seconded: Tom Kealey

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Investment Subcommittee Meeting Recap – Carmen Achabal

Six applications were submitted; totaling over \$1.5 million dollars in requested grant funding. One project did not proceed forward because the industry partner was too early stage for IGEM funding consideration. Two applicants did not proceed forward due to the pivot required by the industry partners to chase COVID-19 potential applications. One applicant did not proceed forward due to the size of the equipment request on the application, which comprised over 75% of the proposed budget.

The two projects presenting today have confidential information. Patty Morgan from Red Shoe Communications will move participants to the lobby, except the presenting teams during Executive Session.

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: Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Bill Gilbert

Roll call taken.

All in favor, no discussion.

The moderator invited project team for IGEM Application #3952 to present. All other participants were moved to the virtual lobby.

APP# 3952: BSU – Novel Movement & Inspection System for Drones to Improve Infrastructure Safety Assessment presented their project in Executive Session.

The moderator returned the project team for IGEM Application #3952 back to the lobby and invited the project team for IGEM Application #3986 to present. All other participants were moved to the virtual lobby.

APP# 3986: UI – Free to Feed Food Allergen Test Kit for Human Milk presented their project in Executive Session.

The moderator returned the project team for IGEM Application #3986 back to the lobby. The moderator invited Dr. Kenneth Cain to present an update on his project.

Dr. Kenneth Cain, Principal Investigator – Fish Probiotic to combat Coldwater Disease in Trout presented an update on his project in Executive Session.

Action Item: Exit Executive Session

Motion: To exit out of Executive Session.

Moved by: Dr. Harold Blackman

Seconded by: Tom Kealey

Roll call taken.

All in favor; no discussion.

Motion approved.

The IGEM Council returned to the public session at 10:24 a.m. The Chair noted no minutes were taken during executive session and the Council did not discuss or render any funding decisions.

Funding Considerations – Dr. David Hill, Chair

#3952: BSU – Novel Movement & Inspection System for Drones to Improve Infrastructure Safety Assessment

Motion: To approve funding for #3952 in the amount of \$248,083.

Moved by: Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Dr. Scott Snyder

All in favor.

Motion approved.

Dr. Harold Blackman abstained.

3986: UI – Free to Feed Food Allergen Test Kit for Human Milk

Motion: To approve funding for #3986 in amount of \$212,000, with the application to be returned to the IGEM Investment Subcommittee for the terms of the agreement to be ironed out.

Moved by: Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Dr. Harold Blackman

Motion approved.

Dr. Bradley Ritts abstained.

Project Updates Continued in Public Domain

2018 – MSM Micropump project: Dr. Nadar Rafla (BSU), Dr. Peter Mullner (BSU/SMT), and Mr. Aaron Smith from Shaw Mountain Technology gave an update on this project.

2019 – APRI Augmented Reality Platform for Industrial Applications: Dr. Marco Schoen accompanied by Omid Heidari gave an update on this project.

IGEM Program Updates – Carmen Achabal

Carmen reported on the grants awarded year to date. She provided a succinct update on the COVID related no cost extensions and budget modifications. The Council asked that she provide an update on the total number of COVID related no cost extensions and budget modifications at the next meeting.

Action Items – Dr. David Hill, Chair

Carmen to provide an update on the total number of COVID related no cost extensions and budget modifications to date.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Moved: Tom Kealey

Seconded: Bill Gilbert

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. David Hill.