



Brad Little, Governor  
Tom Kealey, Director

**IGEM Council Meeting**  
November 11, 2020  
Meeting Location – Idaho Department of Commerce  
Meeting held virtually due to COVID-19.

<b>IGEM Council Members Present:</b>	<b>Idaho Commerce Staff Present:</b>
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	
Dr. Harold Blackman	
Dr. Christopher Nomura	
Von Hansen	
Rick Stott	
Dr. Marianne Walck	
Senator Kelly Anthon	

**Call to Order**

Dr. David Hill called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.  
Carmen conducted a roll call of members; membership meets quorum. The minutes reflect that this meeting was hosted by Idaho Commerce and the teleconference phone number was published in the public domain.

The IGEM Council welcomed newly appointed members Dr. Donna Lybecker (representing Idaho State University), Dr. Christopher Nomura (Vice President of Research for the University of Idaho), and Dr. Marianne Walck (representing the Idaho National Laboratory).

**Action Item: Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Council meeting on May 12, 2020.**

**Moved:** Bill Gilbert

**Seconded:** Tom Kealey

All in favor, no discussion.

**Motion approved.**

**Investment Subcommittee Meeting Recap – Carmen Achabal**

Four applications were submitted, totaling over \$900,000 dollars in requested grant funding. One application is moving forward for the Council’s approval.

**Project Presentation**

**APP# 4362: BSU – Workplace Bill of Health: Air, Surfaces, Waste Pathogens Monitoring**

Dr. Greg Hampikian from Boise State University, Mr. Chuck Sailey from Molecular Testing Lab, and Mr. David Paulsulich from Micron presented before the IGEM Council.

## **Funding Considerations – Dr. David Hill, Chair**

### **#4362: BSU – Workplace Bill of Health: Air, Surfaces, Waste Pathogens Monitoring**

**Motion: To table application #4362, allowing additional time to address commercialization and marketing**

Moved by: Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Rick Stott

All in favor.

Motion approved.

Dr. Harold Blackman abstained.

## **IGEM Program Updates – Carmen Achabal**

Follow up from last Council meeting – 8 out of the 11 current projects have requested a no-cost extension (NCE) due to COVID-19. Almost all requested 6 months, 1 requested 4 months. Average NCE request 5.625 months. Communication between the research teams remains open and strong.

Boise Start Up Week featured Washie, Free to Feed, and the IGEM grant program. The next IGEM submission deadline is January 29, 2021. Please note the universities have an internal submission deadline prior to the 01-29-2021 date in order to vet the research projects.

The IGEM Investment Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., with the IGEM Council meeting on Tuesday, February 12, at 8:00 a.m. Given the current environment, it is anticipated that all IGEM meetings will continue to be held in a virtual setting.

## **Public Comments - None**

## **Action Items – Dr. David Hill, Chair**

Idaho Commerce to work with application #4362 research team to address commercialization and marketing efforts.

## **Adjournment:**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting**

**Moved:** Tom Kealey

**Seconded:** Rick Stott

All in favor, no discussion.

**Motion approved.**

Meeting adjourned by Dr. David Hill at 2:37 p.m.