



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

IGEM Council Meeting

June 9, 2021

Idaho Department of Commerce

Teleconference Meeting Link: MS Team Link

700 W. State Street – Idaho Commerce Clearwater Conference Room

Meeting held virtually and meeting location provided for public attendance

IGEM Council Members Present:	Idaho Commerce Staff Present:
Dr. David Hill	Matt Borud, Marketing and Innovation Administrator
Bill Gilbert	Cathy Perry, Grant Analyst
Rick Stott	Carmen Achabal, IGEM Program Manager
Dr. Donna Lybecker	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants Manager
Dr. Nancy Glenn	
Dr. Christopher Nomura	Project Presenters and University Personnel
Damond Watkins	Dr. Brenda Murdoch, University of Idaho
Dr. Marianne Walck	Ms. Karissa Isaacs, RILE Ag. LLC.
Von Hansen	Dr. Brian Jaques, Boise State University
Tom Kealey	Dr. David Estrada, Boise State University
	Chad Husko, Iris Light Technologies LLC.
	Dr. Yang Lu, Boise State University
	Dr. Zachary Adams, Pitch Aeronautics
	David Bennett, Pitch Aeronautics
	Dennis Feeney, Boise State University
	Jeremy Tamsen, University of Idaho

Call to Order – Dr. David Hill

Dr. David Hill called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Carmen publicly greeted members as they joined the meeting. Membership meets quorum. The minutes reflect that this meeting was hosted by Idaho Commerce, the meeting link was published in the public domain, and the Clearwater Conference room of Idaho Commerce has been retained to provide a location for members of the public who want to attend the meeting. Matt Borud, Idaho Commerce Administrator was physically present in the public meeting area.

Action Item: Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Council meeting on 05-11-2021.

Moved: Dr. Christopher Nomura

Seconded: Damond Watkins

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Investment Subcommittee Meeting Recap – Carmen Achabal

There were 4 applications submitted in Round 4, totaling \$364,525.

1 application did not proceed forward, as half of the requested amount was allocated for a piece of equipment. The other three project teams will present before the Council.

There is \$200,000 in available IGEM funding. The project teams are requesting the full amount as noted on their applications. The Investment Subcommittee asked the three projects to prepare a reduced budget in the amount of \$65K, should the Council want to fund all three projects. Each team will have 15 minutes to present, with 5 minutes for questions from the IGEM Council after the presentation. Dr. Hill advised all presenters that this was an open meeting.

Project Presentations

Projects were presented in numerical order and are supplemental requests to previous IGEM awards.

UI Application 4727: Flock 54, a new genomic selection tool that enhances the U.S. Sheep Industry was presented by Dr. Brenda Murdoch and Karissa Issacs from Rile Ag. LLC. Request is for \$96,530; one year in duration.
Rick Stott recused himself from voting on this application.

BSU Application 4732: Scalable Manufacturing of On-Chip Color Tunable Lasers was presented by Dr. Brian Jacques and Chad Husko from Iris Light Technologies. Request is for \$117,660; one year in duration.

BSU Application 4733: BSU/Pitch Aeronautics – Supplemental Application to “IGEM : Novel Movement & Inspection System for” was presented by Dr. Yang Lu, David Bennett and Dr. Zachary Adams from Pitch Aeronautics. Request is for \$99,999; one year in duration.

BSU APP 4672: Novel Metallic and Nanomaterial Coatings and Application Process for Optical Fibers and Sensor. Carmen presented this request on behalf of the project team. Last month, the IGEM Council approved this project in the amount of \$125,521. Boise State University is requesting an additional \$5,448 to this grant amount, for a total amount of \$130,969. This was due to an error in calculating the F&A (facilities and administration costs)/indirect costs on the submitted budget.

Dr. Hill noted that ID Commerce, in particular the program manager should have the authority to approve oversights like this. To be discussed in next meeting as agenda does not allow for this.

Funding Considerations – Dr. David Hill, Chair

#4672: Additional funding of \$5,448

Motion: Approve funding in the amount of \$5,448

Moved by: Damond Watkins

Seconded by: Rick Stott

All in favor.

Motion approved.

Dr. Nancy Glenn abstained.

#4727: UI - Flock 54, a new genomic selection tool that enhances the U.S. Sheep Industry

Motion: Approve funding in the full amount of \$96,530.

Moved by: Bill Gilbert

Seconded by: Dr. Donna Lybecker

All in favor. Discussion on ranking and order of projects. All are strong projects. Council should have input on which if any should receive full amount. Continued discussion between the Council on the remaining funds and the projects at hand. Decision to fully fund #4727; then to fund #4732 and #4733 at an equal amount of \$49,011. Both projects

are required to submit a revised budget to ID Commerce to reflect this supplemental amount.

Motion revised.

Revised Motion: To approve #4727 at the full amount and apps #4732 and #4733 at an equal amount of the remaining program balance.

Moved by: Dr. Marianne Walck

Seconded by: Von Hansen

All in favor.

Revised motion approved.

Dr. Christopher Nomura, Dr. Nancy Glenn, and Rick Stott abstained.

Public Comments – Carmen Achabal

Bill Gilbert announced he was stepping down from the IGEM Council. Dr. David Hill thanked Bill Gilbert for his service on the IGEM Council and Idaho. Carmen Achabal, Rick Stott, and other members thanked Bill for his leadership and service.

Welcome Dr. Nancy Glenn who will be joining the IGEM Council with the retirement of Dr. Dr. Harold Blackman.

Carmen reminded members to submit their Ethics forms (signed).

Carmen advised members a DOODLE poll for FY22 meetings (1) Investment Subcommittee and (2) IGEM Council would be sent out to schedule FY22 meetings.

Action Items – Dr. David Hill, Chair

Ethics in Government form will be emailed to Council members and need to be returned to Idaho Commerce.

Doodle Polls will be sent to schedule FY22 IGEM Investment Subcommittee and Council meetings.

Add to next meeting agenda the program manager's ability to approve clerical errors.

Action Item: Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Moved: Rick Stott

Seconded: Bill Gilbert

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. David Hill at 1:41 p.m.