



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

IGEM Investment Subcommittee (ISC) Meeting
June 2, 2021
Idaho Department of Commerce
Clearwater Conference Room
Meeting held via teleconference with public meeting space

IGEM ISC Members Phone:	Idaho Commerce Staff:
Dr. David Hill – Served as Chair	Matt Borud, Marketing and Innovation Administrator
Paul Judge	Kathy Perry, Grant Analyst
Damond Watkins	Carmen Achabal, IGEM Program Manager
Tom Kealey	
Janine Rush-Byers	
Rick Stott	

Call to Order

Dr. David Hill called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. The teleconference information was published in the public domain. Matt Borud, representing Idaho Commerce, was physically present in the Clearwater Conference room.

Six members of ISC present. Quorum met. No members of the public were present at this time.

Action Item: Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Investment Subcommittee meeting on April 29, 2021.

Moved: Tom Kealey

Seconded: Damond Watkins

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Funding Round Review

Carmen provided an overview of available funding. Four applications were submitted, totaling \$364,525 in requested funding. Rick Stott recused himself from discussion of APP #4727.

In addition to these requests, yesterday ID Commerce received a request from Boise State in the amount of \$5,448 for the “Novel metallic and nanomaterial coatings and application process for optical fibers and sensor” project. This request is due to a clerical error made in creating the project budget. The budget did not calculate “indirect costs” accurately. Need the Council to approve.

Motion: Recommend the additional funding of \$5448 for the “Novel metallic and nanomaterial coatings and application process for optical fibers and sensor” project for the Council’s consideration

Moved: Tom Kealey

Seconded: Janine Rush-Byers
All in favor, no discussion.
Motion approved.

ISC discussed enabling Carmen/ID Commerce with the authority to approve obvious clerical errors like this. Carmen provided a succinct overview of each application and the ISC provided comments on each.

APP# 4736 – PEF Potato Processing Advantage
Motion: Not to advance to IGEM Council.
Moved by: Tom Kealey
Seconded by: Damon Watkins
All in favor, no discussion
Motion approved.

Application Discussion and Recommendation

Each application was individually discussed and the IGEM ISC discussed how to consider the three projects. Rick Stott suggested that all three move forward and allow the Council to determine either full award on two of the applications or a reduced amount for all three. ISC membership was supportive of this approach.

Rick made a motion to advance **APP# 4732** – Scalable Manufacturing of On-Chip Color Tunable Lasers and **APP# 4733** – Supplemental Application to Novel Movement & Inspection System forward to the IGEM Council. He did not include APP #4727 as he had earlier recused himself.

Motion: To advance APP #4732 and APP #4733 to IGEM Council.
Moved by: Rick Stott
Seconded by: Janine Rush-Byers
All in favor, no discussion
Motion approved.

Tom made a motion to advance **APP# 4727** – Flock54, a new genomic selection tool that enhances the U.S. sheep industry forward to the IGEM Council.

Motion: To advance APP #4727 to IGEM Council.
Moved by: Tom Kealey
Seconded by: Paul Judge
All in favor, no discussion
Rick Stott recused himself from this vote.
Motion approved.

ISC asked questions about the format for the next Council meeting. Carmen outlined that the project team would be given 15 minutes to present. Presenters would give a succinct overview of the original project, an update on milestones, and an explanation on the supplemental research and how it augments the original scope of work. The Council will have five minutes for questions. ISC wants the team to present for a full presentation and budget, as well as a reduced budget of \$65K, should the Council want to evenly award grants.

Public Comments:

Carmen Achabal stated the next IGEM Council meeting is Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting time will be adjusted due to the number of projects going forward to the Council.

Katy Ritter Weiser from Boise State has decided to leave for the ultimate opportunity in staying home and raising her son Jaxson. Likewise, Dr. Nancy Glenn will be joining the IGEM Council as the interim Vice President of Research as Dr. Harold Blackman is retiring in June.

Doodle poll will be sent out for meeting dates for the FY22. These meetings align with the Idaho universities' calendars. The first in October, the second in February, and the third in late April/early May. Application for FY22 will be posted in time for the July 1, start of FY22.

Action Items - None

Action item: Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Janine Rush-Byers

Seconded by: Tom Kealey

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. by Dr. David Hill.