



Brad Little, Governor  
Tom Kealey, Director

**IGEM Council Meeting**

February 28, 2023

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

<b>IGEM Council Members Present:</b>	<b>Project Presenters and University Personnel</b>
Dr. David Hill – Chair	Dr. Jae Ryu, University of Idaho
Tom Kealey	Kenny Lee, Aigen Inc.
Dr. Martin Blair	
Juan Carlos Duque	<b>Idaho Commerce Staff Present:</b>
Damond Watkins	Jeremy Chase, Marketing and Innovation Administrator
Rick Stott	Carmen Achabal, IGEM Program Manager
Senator Kelly Anthon	Cathy Perry, Grants Analyst
	No members of the public were present.

**Call to Order – Dr. David Hill - Chair**

Dr. David Hill called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Carmen greeted Council members as they joined the meeting; membership meets quorum. The meeting was hosted by Idaho Commerce and held in Commerce’s Clearwater Conference room. Tom Kealey, Idaho Commerce Director and Idaho Marketing and Innovation Administrator Jeremy Chase were both physically present in this public meeting area. The meeting link was published in the public domain.

**Action Item: Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Council meeting on 12-01-2022.**

Moved: Tom Kealey

Seconded: Dr. Martin Blair

All in favor, no discussion

**Motion approved.**

**Modification to agenda due to budget modification request from IGEM APP 4672.**

**To be determined after Project presentation**

**Investment Subcommittee Meeting Recap – Carmen Achabal**

There were 6 applications submitted in Round 2, totaling nearly \$1.8 million. One application advanced forward. One application, while its focus is disruptive and intriguing, its scope was too expansive and time for completion was unrealistic; one application was submitted from an early stage company; the focus of another project was the development of what appeared to be an “add on” feature; one project while interesting in nature did not recognize the reality on how industry incrementally acquires technology; and the focus of the last application was a new product, however it was unknown as to why the industry partner, who is a global conglomerate didn’t fund the research project itself.

### **Project Presentation**

#### **UI APP 5658: Prototyping Solar-Powered Autonomous Vehicles to Build Plant Phenotype Database in Idaho**

Carmen introduced the project team: Dr. Jae Ryu from UI and Kenny Lee from Aigen Inc.

### **Funding Consideration**

#### **UI APP 5658: Prototyping Solar-Powered Autonomous Vehicles to Build Plant Phenotype Database in Idaho**

Motion: Approve for funding in the amount of \$348,632.

Moved: Rick Stott

Seconded: Damond Watkins

All in favor, no discussion.

**Motion approved.**

### **Budget Modification**

#### **BSU APP 4672: Novel Metallic and Nanomaterial Coatings and Application Process for Optical Fibers and Sensors**

Motion: Approve budget modification of \$18,680.

Moved: Senator Kelly Anthon

Seconded: Dr. Martin Blair

All in favor, no discussion.

**Motion approved.**

### **Public Comments – Dr. David Hill, Chair**

Carmen shared the next deadline is April 19, 2023. The next IGEM Council meeting is May 25, 2023. The remaining balance is \$390K for round 3. Idaho Commerce will have departmental savings, meaning we will have supplemental funding for additional projects. Carmen shared photos of the Hempitecture Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Hempitecture received an IGEM grant and a supplemental grant.

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

None

### **Action Item: Adjournment**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting.**

Moved: Dr. Martin Blair

Seconded: Tom Kealey

All in favor, no discussion.

**Motion approved.**

Meeting adjourned by Dr. David Hill at 9:48 a.m.