

San Jose State University (SJSU)
Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
January 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom
Start time: 1:02 PM End time: 1:24 PM

Members Present: Alex Payumo, Cleber Ouverney, Edmund Tang, Yun Wang (alternate), Katy Kao, Wing Wang, Anantha Korrapati (community member), Brandon Bonin (community member), Kevin McCluskey (Vice-Chair) and Maria Piccone (BSO, Chair)

Guests Present: Miri VanHoven, Skye Kelty, Joe Grzywacz, Xiao Su

The notice of the meeting was publicly posted on the IBC, Office of Research website. A quorum was present.

1. Biosafety Officer's News

The revised SJSU Biosafety Manual was sent out to the committee members for comments. The Chair requested their feedback by Feb 5, 2026.

The BSO informed the members that the biosafety cabinet/laminar flow recertification service for all units has been scheduled for the 2026 summer.

The BSO announced she will retire in February, and Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) is currently interviewing potential candidates.

2. IBC News

The Chair reviewed all teaching and research activities previously labeled as “exempt” to confirm that no changes have occurred to void the exempt status.

Members were informed about the following IBC actions:

- **BUA#01212025** (exp date 1/20/2026). “Advanced Molecular Techniques, Biol205, Biol205T”. PIs: Jessica Westfall, Theresa Dinh, and Leila Khatib, Dept: Computer Science, and Biology Sciences, College of Sciences. **Amendment (update personnel) was administratively approved on 1/20/2026.** Lab inspected on December 15, 2025. Training up-to-date.
- **BUA#01212025** (exp date 1/20/2026). “Advanced Molecular Techniques, Biol205, Biol205T”. PIs: Jessica Westfall, Theresa Dinh, and Leila Khatib, Dept: Computer Science, and Biology Sciences, College of Sciences. **1st year Renewal -No changes to the protocol- was administratively approved on 1/20/2026.** Lab inspected on December 15, 2025. Training up-to-date.

- **BUA#11222024B** (exp date 11/21/2027). “BIOL 135L, Molecular Cell Biology Lab”. PI: Bree Grillo-Hill, Dept: Biology Sciences, College of Sciences. **Amendment (update personnel) was administratively approved on 01/20/2026**. Lab inspected on November 5 and December 15, 2025. Training up-to-date.

The Chair sought a motion to approve the IBC actions. The motion was seconded.

The committee unanimously voted to approve the actions.

3. Old Business. Review of minutes from the previous meeting on December 12, 2025

The Chair sought a motion to approve the 12122025 minutes. The motion was seconded.

The committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes. One member abstained from the vote because they were not present.

4. New Business

There were no new BUAs since the last IBC meeting.