



ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW BODY

Minutes

30 June 2022

12 Present, 7 Apologies, 2 In Attendance

22.36 Declarations of Interest and Quoracy

- .1 The Committee members made no declarations of interest.
- .2 The Committee was quorate for the meeting.

22.37 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2022

- .1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

22.38 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

.1 Action Log

- .1 The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members.

.2 Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 22.28]

.1 Dr AR

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the AWERB recommendations had been addressed and the application had been submitted to the Home Office.

.2 Dr AS

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the AWERB recommendations had been addressed and the application had been submitted to the Home Office.

22.39 Chair's Business

.1 Membership

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the membership terms for two AWERB members had ended. The Committee thanked the members for their dedication, support and service over the last ten years.



.2 The Committee NOTED that replacement members of the Committee had been identified but not confirmed.

.3 The Committee NOTED that there were membership terms due to finish shortly.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.4	To confirm new Committee members	Chair/BSU Director	Sept 2022
.5	To notify the AWERB secretary of intention to renew membership or stand down	Committee Members	Sept 2022

22.40 Project Licence Applications

.1 Dr AT

.1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/29 presented by Dr AT. The proposed work involved identifying the role of specific genes during the specification of basic germ layers in vivo.

.2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on clarification of the steps in protocol two.

.3 The Committee AGREED that the application be progressed subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.4	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	Sept 22

22.41 Facilities Update

.1 The BSU Director REPORTED that the on-going issues had not affected animal welfare.

.2 The BSU Director REPORTED that the Estates department had started to investigate the actions required to bring the one facility back up to specification.

.3 The Committee NOTED that the continued issues were impacting on the ability of BSU to move forward with proposed work.

.4 The Committee NOTED that these issues present a potential risk to animal welfare.

.5 The Committee thanked the BSU Director and the BSU team for their commitment to dealing with, and monitoring issues on the ground, both during their working day and out of hours



- .6 The Establishment Licence Holder REPORTED that a short-term plan to deal with immediate issues as well as a medium-long term plan to address the underlying problems were being developed.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.7	To discuss, identify and manage the potential risks arising from issues within the BSU facilities	Chair/ BSU Director/ Establishment Licence Holder	Sept 22

22.42 Summary of PPL Applications and Amendments

- .1 The Committee NOTED that a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that PPL Applications were being granted by ASRU within the standard 40-working day timeframe given by ASRU
- .3 The Committee NOTED that amendments to PPLs were being approved, within the standard 40-day timeframe given by ASRU.
- .4 The BSU Director REPORTED that the BSU had received positive feedback about the quality of the applications being submitted to ASRU by the University.

22.43 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/25.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that three project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

22.44 Project Licences Granted since Last Meeting

- .1 The Committee NOTED that no project licences had been granted by the Home Office since the last meeting.

22.45 Non-ASPA applications

- .1 The Committee NOTED that a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of non-ASPA applications was available.

22.46 Any Other Business

.1 NC3Rs Update

- .1 The Committee NOTED that four researchers from the University had been invited to submit full applications for the NC3Rs studentship.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that proposals were now being accepted for the BBSRC/NC3Rs collaboration around non-animal technologies.



- .3 The Committee NOTED that a joint NC3Rs/MRC webinar about the use of both sexes in animal experiments would take place on 21 July 22.
- .4 The Committee NOTED that the NC3Rs online 3Rs prize event would be held on 13 July 22.
- .5 The Committee NOTED that there were two open surveys of interest to rodent users.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.6	To distribute the written NC3Rs update provided by the NC3Rs regional programme manager to the Committee	Committee Secretary	Sept 22