



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE (IBSC), BITS, PILANI – K K BIRLA GOA CAMPUS

Meeting held on 16/03/2016 (Wednesday), 1440-1520 hrs. at the Conference Room, BITS.

Attendance:

Members Present		
Prof. S. Punnekkat (Chairperson and Director)	Dr. Samir Damare (External Expert)	Dr. Utpal Roy (Internal Expert)
Prof. Sunil Bhand (Member Secretary)	Dr. Sumit Biswas (Internal Expert)	Dr. Judith Braganca (Internal Expert)

Member absent: Prof. Urmila Barros, DBT nominee who had given prior intimation of her non-availability; Dr. Raghavendra K.M., due to urgent work.

1. The meeting was chaired by the Director of the Campus, Prof. Sasikumar Punnekkat (the Chairperson).
2. The chairperson read out the approved minutes of the last meeting and set out the agenda which was the presentation of the rules and regulations for the IBSC, questionnaire for biosafety declaration, response to RCGB yearly note, and finalization of procedure to approve projects through IBSC.
3. Dr. Braganca and Dr. Roy formally presented a draft questionnaire, to which the chairman suggested that it be made online, and sections such as short abstract, etc. be added. Some other simplifications and modifications were also suggested by the members.
4. Dr. Biswas and Prof. Bhand presented the draft guidelines, which were accepted with minor changes, and asked to be made available in the online portal.
5. Subsequently, it was suggested the manner and design of the process be cross-checked with the other two campuses as well.
6. It was also decided that a question be inserted in the current SRCO questionnaire which accompanies any project proposal, regarding the need for the proposal to be evaluated by the IBSC.

7. The proposal for a Biosafety facility in the Institute was also discussed in some detail, and it was suggested that some members give a first-hand account after visiting such facilities in reputed institutes.

8. The next meeting of the committee was tentatively scheduled in September, 2016.

Signed by,

Prof. S. Punnekkat

Prof. U. Barros

Prof. S. Bhand

Dr. Samir Damare

Dr. U.Roy

Dr. J. Braganca

Dr. S. Biswas

Dr. Raghavendra K.M.