

University of Nottingham
Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body
Thursday 16 November 2017

MINUTES

16 Members Present, 11 Apologies, 6 in Attendance

17/61 Minutes

RECEIVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

17/62 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Action log

An action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members. This included the successful visit of a Student Group to the BSU facilities, the BSU Annual Report was approved, updates on publication plans and the UREC meeting which had taken place.

(b) Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 17/50]

REPORTED: One of the three applications considered at the previous meeting had been formally submitted, one had been sent to the Establishment where existing Primary Availability was held and the third had been resubmitted to this meeting.

(c) BSU Annual Report of Named Persons [Minute 17/55]

REPORTED: That the BSU Annual Report had been approved following circulation to members.

17/63 Chair's Business

(a) Mid-licence reviews

REPORTED: Mid-term reviews were being tested for licences and if this went well, they would be implemented from the next academic year. One concern was raised in relation to mid-term reviews for shorter licences (for two or three years).

ACTION: The Chair and the ELH would discuss this outside of AWERB, but thought these mid-term reviews would be for five-year licences and post-project reviews would still be carried out at the end of shorter licences.

17/64 Project Licence Applications

(a) Prof AA

REPORTED: The applicant had presented the proposed work which involved defining the drivers of immune variation in mice.

A series of comments on the application were made by the NVS and NACWO. Questioning primarily focused around linking data collected with meeting the objectives, including appropriate blood samples, PIT tags, form of treatments, adjuvants and anaesthesia.

RESOLVED: That the application be discussed further by the Primary Reader, NVS, NACWO, Applicant and Inspector. The outcomes of those discussions would dictate whether or not the applicant would be asked to resubmit to AWERB.

(b) Prof BB

A representative for the applicant presented an overview of the intended work to AWERB, which involved the study of collateralisation of blood vessels in mouse models of diabetes.

A series of comments on the application were made by the NVS and NACWO. Questioning primarily focused around weight loss and translation to humans. Justifications had been sound, minor improvements were suggested to the application.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved subject to AWERB comments being addressed.

ACTION: The Chair and the ELH would discuss the process for agreeing who could substitute for an applicant when presenting to AWERB.

(c) Dr CC

The applicant presented an overview of the intended work to AWERB, which involved the study of the effects of maternal obesity on pregnancy outcome in rats and mice.

A series of comments on the application were made by the Primary Reader, NVS and NACWO. The Named Persons discussed the supporting information received from the NVS at another University where a similar techniques were being undertaken successfully. It was agreed that initial pilot studies would go ahead. Questioning had been brief due to most points being addressed since presenting to the previous AWERB meeting.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved subject to comments being addressed.

17/65 Summary of PPL applications and amendments

CONSIDERED: A summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments.

REPORTED: That version control issues were affecting the draft submission made by one applicant. One concern had been raised about an issue with CJSM sending erroneous e-mails which was being looked into.

17/66 Any other business

REPORTED: That the *Nottingham Post* had reported animal use figures for 2016 by the University of Nottingham.