

University of Nottingham
Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body
Thursday 4 July 2019

MINUTES

12 Members Present, 10 Apologies, 2 in Attendance

19/35 Minutes

RECEIVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2019.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

19/36 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Action log

The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members. This included:

- (1) That the cover form had been updated.
- (2) Duplicate O365 files had been archived and using the system was going well.

(b) Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 19/27]

REPORTED: That three applications were on ASPeL to be assessed by the HOI before formal submission.

19/37 Chair's Business

(a) Membership

REPORTED: That a replacement member had been identified and an invitation would be prepared.

19/38 Project Licence Applications

(a) Prof AA

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved investigating the molecular regulation of atypical cell division in malaria parasite.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused around clarifying the plan of work, model justification and the experience of individual animals.

RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to AWERB comments being addressed.

(b) Prof BB

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved developing new treatments for vascular retinopathies.

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RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to AWERB comments being addressed.

19/39 3Rs update

REPORTED: That four University of Nottingham project grants were under consideration for funding; two studentships and two tools to technologies awards (major collaborations with industry). A symposium was being held on 2 October for technicians with poster sessions. The Midlands symposium was taking place on 10 September. An online 3Rs self-assessment tool was also being developed with questions at the institutional and PI level.

19/40 Summary of PPL applications and amendments

REPORTED: That a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available. Five had been submitted to the HO via ASPeL and seven were still to be submitted to the HO.

19/41 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report

REPORTED: That six project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

19/42 New ASPeL system and PPL format from August 2019

REPORTED: That there had been an update from the Home Office on 4 June 2019 and the new format would be used going forwards. Workspace had been updated to reflect this. There would be a meeting next week for UK facility administrators to hear more about this new process.

ACTION: The NACWO would create a working note of lessons learnt over time with the new process. This could be fed back to the HO. Feedback would be sought from the first few applicants. It was noted that care should be taken as the non-technical summary would be automatically pulled through on the new system.

19/43 Visit by Head of ASRU to BSU-SB and the CDSI Dairy Centre - 27 June 2019

REPORTED: That the Head of ASRU had started this year and visited the Dairy Centre and provided positive high-level feedback.

19/44 Proposed dates of meetings in session 2019-20

REPORTED: That they have been circulated and the AWERB Committee were happy with the selected dates.

19/45 Project licences granted by the Home Office

REPORTED: That two project licences had been granted by the Home Office.

19/46 Any Other Business

None reported.