

**To:** The UT Dallas Academic Senate

**From:** Paul Pantano, Chair, Institutional Biosafety and Chemical Safety (IBCS) Committee

**Topic:** Annual Report for 2015 – 2016

**Membership:** Paul Pantano (chair), Lloyd Lumata (vice-chair), John Burr, Jason Slinker, Jon Poloski, Heng Du, Shane Solis, Kathy White, David Liner, James Pharr, and Bill Alsup (City of Richardson).

**Meetings:** The regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the IBCS Committee are the first Wednesdays of each month. In the present cycle we have met 8 times, and our next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2016.

**Actions Taken:** The main thing we do as a committee is to review, discuss, and approve IBCS Protocols submitted by research professors. In the present cycle, we have reviewed and approved ~20 protocols and renewals. We also receive updates for many items planned for implementation by the Office of Research Compliance and the Office of Environmental Health & Safety and Risk Management, and we get to offer advice to help these offices move forward with their agendas (e.g., the creation of a particularly hazardous chemical list).

**Recommendations for the following year:** None, James Pharr manages these meetings quite well and minimizes busy work for the professors and professionals such that they can direct their energies towards providing sound scientific advice.