# Institutional Biosafety Committee Annual Report: 2023-24

April 18, 2025

### **Committee Members:**

- Dale Beach, Associate Professor of Biology, Chair
- Denis Trubitsyn, Associate Professor of Biology
- Jonathan White, Associate Professor of Chemistry

### **Community Representatives:**

- Dr. Bill Shear, PhD, Professor Emeritus, HSC, Biology
- Mr. Jake Morgan, Virginia Tech, Extension Agent

### Ex-officio Members: (non-voting)

- Ray Heinrich, Hazardous Materials Manager
- Ben Gano, Academic Safety Specialist

#### Purpose:

As described in the FPPM, the primary role of the IBC is to evaluate research programs for a potential biosafety risks and make recommendations to faculty to promote a safe workplace and prohibit the release of biohazards into the local environment. This oversight is an important component of the health and safety programs at Longwood and our responsibility to comply with federal guidelines and regulations.

## 2024-2025 Activities:

The committee reviewed no new proposals for use of potentially biological materials.

There are currently 6 active research programs from 4 faculty members registered with this committee.