

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Intellectual Property Committee Meeting
September 18, 2013, 12:00-1:00p.m.
325 Burruss Hall

FULL COMMITTEE

The Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) met on September 19, 2013.

The following members were present: Bill Knocke (chair), Steve Capaldo, Laurie Coble, RJ Harvey, Willard Eyestone, Barbara Lockee, Justin Barone, Ken Miller, Robert Broadwater, Tomalei Vess, Mark Coburn. Wendy Vaughn attended and recorded the minutes.

Those members not in attendance: Joe Merola , Peggy Quarterman, Gail McMillan

Call to Order

Bill Knocke called the meeting to order at 12:05p.m.

Introductions were made around the table.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the May 15, 2013 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

Dr. Knocke asked the committee for agenda or focus items for this academic year. Bill handed out copies of Policy 13000, which as approved at the June Board of Visitors meeting. Barbara Lockee volunteered to make sure the educational online information will now be updated to reflect the new IP policy.

Visiting scholars from other institutions without permission, what happens to the IP rights. How do we inform visitors so they know about IP policy. Dr. Knocke has been working with Jack Finney regarding notification. Dr. Knocke mentioned the department heads council and sharing this information to present the IP Policy to them. Virginia Tech at this time does not have a form for visiting faculty. It was mentioned that this would be addressed through Human Resources , the Vice President for Research, and the Vice President for International Affairs.

Visitors who are on campus and are not funded through the university should be included in the banner system. Human Resources should be involved due to a number of issues that may arise such as security, export control issues, lab space, etc. Ken Miller and Steve Capaldo will research a previous committee who began work on a committee with some of these issues. Steve Capaldo will send Bill Knocke information on a peer institution's set-up for visiting scholars.

There was some feedback from faculty on Policy 13000. The main question was regarding university policy on software. The committee is asked to look into alternate wording of the software issue within the policy. Another question raised was the Rights in Data in databases as to who owes the rights, and how are they transferred. Another question brought up concerned academic work versus commercial work. Bill Knocke asked that this information be sent to him.

Last spring, Dr. Walters formed a task group called the Innovation Ecosystem to look at the ecosystem at Virginia Tech that promotes innovations and entrepreneurial approaches. That group has submitted their report and recommendations to Dr. Walters. He is looking at how to move the information outward at this time. At a future meeting this year once the report is made available, Beth Tranter would be invited to speak to the Intellectual Property Committee. At a later meeting the committee will begin to look at peer institutions at their language on their software as a point of discussion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Vaughn