

Intellectual Property Committee
October 21, 2024
3:00 pm
Zoom

Present: Brandy Salmon (presiding), Mark Mondry, Grant Brewer, Christina Cochrane, Kay Heidebreder, Dan Sui, Melinda West, Eric Burger, Laurel Miner, Andrea Hill, Randy Heflin, Mark Widdowson, Michael Evans, Katherine Nicewander, and Lisa Young

Brandy Salmon called the meeting to order and welcomed the committee at 3pm. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

New Business

Committee Charge and Resources:

- Welcome and Introductions
 - New Members present
 - Mark Widdowson, Department Head and Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering
 - Randy Heflin, Senior Associate Vice President, Research and Innovation
 - Andrea Hill, Associate Director, LAUNCH
 - Michael Evans, Director School of Plant and Environmental Sciences
 - Katherine Nicewander, Intellectual Property Specialist, LICENSE
- LINK + LICENSE + LAUNCH
 - Advancing partnerships, Commercializing technologies, Starting new ventures
- FY 2024 Key Accomplishments
 - 145 New invention disclosures received
 - 26 New license agreements executed
 - 8 VT-based start-up companies created
- LICENSE BootCamp
 - Fully-customized training program
 - Can be delivered in different formats, e.g. one day workshops for 6x 1-hour modules
 - 33 enrolled in first offering
 - Integrates with VT learning platform and one of the most popular courses on TLOS
 - Requested to offer 3x per year
- Recent Startups
 - Alan Michaels, NSI – Portcullis Research
 - Rich Hanowski, VTTI – Motorcycle Safety Solutions
- Purpose of the IPC Committee
 - IPC could be called to weigh in or force an opinion
- Policy 13000
 - Establishes an IPC

- The Invention Disclosure form
- Inventorship 101

- Scenarios
 - Reasons disputes could arise
 - University Legal cannot provide private legal advice to faculty for outside consulting

- Standard operating procedures
 - SOP: Dispute Resolution
 - SOP: Declaring Ownership of IP
 - SOP: Inter-Institutional Agreements on Joint IP

There were no new disputes to be discussed.

Announcements/Updates

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4pm.