

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Intellectual Property Committee Meeting  
February 17, 2016 12:00-1:00p.m.  
325 Burruss Hall  
Full Committee

The Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) met on February 17, 2016.

The following members were present: Mike Badzmierowski, Steve Capaldo, Laurie Coble, Mark Coburn, Daniel Cockram, Rafael Davalos, Ed Dorsa, Srinath Ekkad, Willard Eyestone, Frank Fitzgerald, Kay Heidbreder, Katrina Loan, Gail McMillan, Ken Miller, Beth Tranter, and Wendy Vaughn

#### Call to Order

Srinath Ekkad called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The minutes were approved electronically.

As an overview, the committee did not have any guest speakers for the February meeting. Srinath gave a summarization on a recent meeting on software that included Laurie Coble, Steve Capaldo, Mark Coburn, and Scot Ransbottom. The committee will need to look at the visionary role on what gaps we may have, and what the Intellectual Property Committee means to the university community.

The subcommittee on software met to discuss what the committee would like to do. Some of the questions that came forward were security, and open source software as well as academic use versus commercial use. One thing that the committee should start thinking about is whether there is really a need to make a change to the policy itself regarding software. There may be a need for guidelines to questions that goes with software. There are many software applications at the university. Software as scholarly work would be items such as a book, written by a faculty member. If students are involved in creating software as a part of their work in class, then the students do have ownership.

Having policies on open source software and the encouragement would lead to more commercialization. One future idea would be requiring everyone to have software to disclose software that goes on any university machine, whether it is commercial, or for academic purposes. This would start with the department with a form, with a required disclosure. A procedure to the policy will also be developed to go along with the form. The subcommittee gather together to discuss the implementation in further detail.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Vaughn