

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Intellectual Property Committee Meeting  
April 20, 2016 12:00-1:00p.m.  
325 Burruss Hall  
Full Committee

The Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) met on April 20, 2016.

The following members were present: Mike Badzmierowski, Justin Barone, Steve Capaldo, Laurie Coble, Mark Coburn, Daniel Cockram, Rafael Davalos, Srinath Ekkad, Willard Eyestone, Frank Fitzgerald, Kay Heidbreder, Katrina Loan, Jerry Luttrell, Gail McMillan, Ken Miller, Channing Mitchell, and Wendy Vaughn

Call to Order

Srinath Ekkad called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The minutes were approved electronically. Introductions were made, and Channing Mitchell was welcomed as the new student representative on the committee.

Software Ownership

A report was given on the subcommittee on software ownership on what the next step would be. There are simple things for people to be aware of and what to do when they have software that could potentially be valuable. A minor change in the policy to include brackets stating (including open source software), and also a side note stating refer to procedure. The small change will not require going through the governance procedure. A simple document/form similar to the disclosure form will be created. This will be presented by the next meeting for review. Once approved by the committee it will be ready for official use.

Disclosures

We will begin a new process in making certain some disclosures will be coming back to the IP committee. The form will have a signature from VTIP, Inventor, and the Chair of the Intellectual Property Committee. The form is then it is returned back to the inventor, and it can be filed independently with a private entity.

A discussion on bringing certain disclosures forward to the Intellectual Property committee has been raised. Dr. Mayer would like to see if the committee could look at disclosures that may not be commercialized, but doing so from faculty and scholarship perspectives. The Intellectual Property committee was suggested, with an occasional expert to be invited in helping to evaluate disclosures. This would be on a quarterly basis, with the committee to evaluate approximately 20 disclosures per year. Dr. Mayer would like to encourage IP decisions that pay for patents that may not have a commercial outcome but may have a benefit to the university's research mission such as a destination area.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Vaughn