

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Intellectual Property Committee Meeting
May 15, 2013, 12:00-1:00p.m.
325 Burruss Hall

FULL COMMITTEE

The Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) met on May 15, 2013.

The following members were present: Bill Knocke (chair), Grant Brewer (for Mark Coburn), Steve Capaldo, Laurie Coble, RJ Harvey, Kay Heidbreder, John Jelesko, Barbara Lockee, Joe Merola, Kristen Mittelman, Steve Sheetz, Tomalei Vess. Wendy Vaughn attended and recorded the minutes.

Those members not in attendance: Robert Broadwater, XJ Meng, Ken Miller, Peggy Quarterman, Fatemah Saeidi-Rizi

Call to Order

Bill Knocke called the meeting to order at 12:00p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the March 20, 2013 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

1. University Council approved the revised version of Policy 13000 after the first and second reading. Bill Knocke will present the newly revised 13000 policy to the Board of Visitors on June 2, 2013. During the summer OVPR material will be updated to reflect all changes. Kay Heidbreder will also be attending the Board of Visitors meeting, and can answer questions.
2. A document was shared and passed out for feedback from the committee. The document involves a situation where the faculty member will be on research leave being paid fully by Virginia Tech and not receiving a salary from the other institution. The faculty member is has been asked to sign waiving their right to the IP for use of the facilities. Each situation will be decided on a case by case basis, and each case will need to be looked at in regards to the IP Policy. Kay Heidbreder will call and see about a resolution with conflicting policies.

This will be looked at further with Dr. Walters who would have the authority to waive this for Virginia Tech. Joint ownership may be a possibility as a fall back. It was suggested that a one page brief from Kay Heidbreder on policies regarding IP policy would be helpful. This should be addressed beforehand rather than later to avoid major conflicts. It was suggested by Dr. Knocke that Jack Finney should be involved during the approval process due to all sabbatical research leave must go through his office. It was suggested that a reference to the IP policy accompany the approval letter for faculty on sabbatical leave.

3. The Business School has an external entity that is willing to provide funding into the course that is developing. These are capstone project courses where now that you have been through all your coursework and begin working on a project where a company is willing to make a contribution. We own the IP based on the rules written. University mechanisms are already set up to meet this need such as a donation or instructional sponsored project through the Office of Sponsored Programs. Kristen Mittelman and John Rudd wrote an OSP procedure to accept academic partnership programs called APP, which are industrial sponsors. There is an option to purchase the IP from the university through VTIP. Dr. Knocke asked that when the APP policy is ready to be shared to bring it to the Intellectual Property Committee.

The IP policy is effective once the Board of Visitors formally approve the document, and then it will be placed on the website. Dr. Knocke will plan to present the update to the department head council meeting regarding the IP Policy .

Dr. Knocke thanked the committee for all the work this past year, and also thanked XJ Meng, Steve Sheetz, and John Jelesko for their service on the committee as their term has come to an end.

Next Meeting Date

The next IPC meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2013.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Vaughn
Administrative Support to the IP Committee