

Intellectual Property Committee 2024-2025 Members

CHARGE To make policy recommendations to the executive vice president and provost dealing with patents, copyrights, and related mechanisms for the protection/exploitation of intellectual properties. Reports to: Commission on Research.

Chair – Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer or designee

Brandy Salmon	Chair	ex officio
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Daniel Sui	Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer	ex officio
Kay Heidbreder	University Legal Counsel	ex officio
Melinda West	Associate VP for Finance & University Controller	ex officio
Grant Brewer	President of VTIP	ex officio

An Administrative Leader Within the Office of the Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer selected by the Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer

Laurel Miner	Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation	2025
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Nine at-large members of the faculty-A/P faculty-staff (with patent and copyright experience) selected by the Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer in consultation with the Presidents of the Faculty, Staff, and A/P Faculty Senates (at least one must be an A/P Faculty member and at least one must be a staff employee)

Katherine Nicewander	LICENSE (Staff)	2026
Christy Cochrane	Office of Sponsored Programs (A/P Faculty)	2025
Randy Heflin	ORI (Faculty)	2026
Mike Evans	School of Plan and Environmental Sciences (Faculty)	2027
Andrea Hill	LAUNCH (A/P Faculty)	2027
Eric Burger	Commonwealth Cyber Initiative-Hub (Faculty)	2025
Erik Westman	Department of Minerals and Mining (Faculty)	2027
Oumar Barry	Mechanical Engineering (Faculty)	2025
Mark Widdowson	Environmental & Water Resource Engineering (Faculty)	2026

One graduate and professional student senator elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Eli Mejia	Electrical Engineering	2025
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One undergraduate student senator elected by the Undergraduate Student Senate

Vacant

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