

Intellectual Property Committee 2017-2018 Annual Report

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Purpose:

As a committee of the Faculty Senate, the Intellectual Property Committee convenes to review issues, questions or disputes pertaining to intellectual property rights and to interpret the Intellectual Property policy with respect to those issues.

2018-2019 Progress:

The Intellectual Property Committee met several times throughout the 2017-2018 academic year. While there were many accomplishments, the most important development was the Intellectual Property Policy Guide. This guide includes a new purpose and mission statement, a disclosure process outline, as well as the policy itself. The committee also worked closely to create a revised version of the Authority and Responsibility of the Intellectual Property Committee. This document serves to clarify the role of the committee and its counterparts. In drafting these new documents, the committee collaborated with several outside parties, including Intellectual Property Specialist, Kyle Courtney of Harvard University. The committee also sought counsel from Interim Provost & Vice President Academic Affairs, Larissa Ferguson. Committee members also had conversations within their respective colleges addressing Intellectual Property questions and concerns. Finally the draft policy was submitted to the Attorney General's office in April 2018.

Goals:

Moving forward into the 2018-2019 academic year, the Intellectual Property hopes to have the policy draft back from the Attorney General's office by the first meeting of the fall. Plans are also being made to have Cameron O'Brien, of the Attorney General's office, attend the first meeting to address any additional concerns with the policy and its related documents. Once the draft is received and reviewed by the committee, motion to have the policy placed into Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual. There are also plans to continue discussions with University Faculty on Intellectual Property issues.