

LONGWOOD COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHTS AND PATENTS

Annual Report 2015/16

Members of this year's committee were:

Scott McElfresh (Computer Science)
Regina Maldve (Office of Sponsored Programs)
Ken Copeland (VP Finance & Administration)
Kenneth Pestka (Physics)
Catherine Franssen (Psychology)
Steven Faulkner (English)
Chrystyna Kosarchyn (HARK)
Suzy Szasz Palmer, Chair (Library)

The Committee met three times in the fall semester (9/22/15; 10/27/15; 11/30/15) and twice in the spring (2/22/16; 3/15/16).

The Committee began its work by drafting a fairly major revision of Section K in the FPPM, which includes the purpose and duties, membership, etc. of the Committee. We proposed the following:

- Change the name to the LONGWOOD COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY to better describe the breadth and scope of our work
- Fleshed out the duties
- Made the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, Dean of the Library, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and a designee from University Marketing and Communications permanent (non-voting) ex-officio members of the Committee
- Added additional college restrictions in order to achieve maximum balance among the arts, sciences, and social sciences
- Changed the reporting route to the Provost/VPAA (since the VPFA) is a permanent member of the Committee

After discussion at Faculty Senate, and a few minor changes, these revisions were approved and will be in place for the 2016/17 FPPM.

The Committee also began work on a major revision of the FPPM's Section R. POLICY ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COPYRIGHTS AND PATENTS. This proved to be a more labor-intensive project than originally anticipated. Since the last meeting on March 15, 2016, Regina Maldve has created a new draft that the Committee can access on a Google drive. We had hoped to complete this revision in the current academic year, but this will nonetheless be a good starting point for next year's Committee.

I'd like to thank everyone on the Committee for their contributions, with special thanks to Regina for providing a solid outline for the new policy.

Suzy Szasz Palmer, Chair
4/18/16