

Minutes of Senate FSC meeting 1/21/2015, 12:30 PM

- **Attendees:** Mark Boyer (chair), Marcy Balunas, Keith Barker, Morad Behandish, Preston Britner, Elizabeth Jockusch, Allison MacKay, George McManus, Sally Reis (ex officio), Bob Ricard, Del Siegle, Cheryl Williams, Suzanne Yelin.
- **Guests:** Jeff Seeman, Rita Zangari, Andrew Zehner.
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- Andrew Zehner started presentation of revised IP policy; aiming for approval by BoT at Feb meeting.
- A lively discussion of the revised policy ensued for about an hour.
- A variety of issues/concerns were raised by FSC members:
 - The primary concern centered around the issue of a time limit (or lack thereof in the revised draft) for how long the University can hold the rights.
 - What about setting the time frame for University involvement in potential faculty commercialization of discoveries? **Responses:**
 - the period of time will vary; the University concerned about recouping investment in faculty research and IP development;
 - a restrictive time frame is neither in the interest in faculty or University in most circumstances.
 - In about 1/3 of the cases, the University decides that a discovery has no commercial prospects and it is licensed back to faculty.
 - Most FSC members are interested in having a specific timeline included.
 - The VPRs office is reticent to agree to a timeline because of the variability of prospects/processes in evaluating commercialization.
 - Might an annual report from the U to the faculty about what's going on be possible? **Responses:**
 - Hopefully this is coming with software tracking system. Main constraint is money regarding what tech the University pursues.
 - Questions about Open Source software distribution – concern that the University wants at least to consult about open source posting. Where does on-line class intellectual property sit? **Response:**
 - Being handled through the collective bargaining process.
 - Need clarity on the “thirds” of the shares of revenue under the draft Policy’s section 3.A. Particularly need to clarify on the departmental share.
- Briefly discussed SET concerns being raised to FSC chair and OIRE and Provost. Lively discussion ensued.
 - The FSC chair and the head of OIRE will be meeting with the Chemical Engineering Department on this topic on 1/29/2015.