

Intellectual Property Policy and Rights Committee
Minutes of Meeting
October 27, 2017

Members Present:

David Borofsky, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chair
Heidi Davis, Grants and Research
Susan Brower [Monroe Library], University Senate
Jeff Albert [Music and Fine Arts], University Senate
John Blevins [Law], University Senate
Leon Mathes, Finance and Administration

The Intellectual Property Policy and Rights Committee (IPPRC) met on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 9:30 p.m. in Monroe Hall, room 651.

Announcements and Other Topics

1. Creative Commons (CC) has developed open educational resources and certification programs. The CC Certificate Program is a training program that leads people through the basics about the organization, copyright law, and the CC tools. Currently, CC is looking for beta testers for their Librarian and Educator Certificate programs. The full beta test of the 12-week course will begin in January 2018. CC will be running one library-specific track and one education-specific track during the beta phase and will be asking participants to help evaluate and shape the content. The CC beta test runs from January 8 through April 2, 2018. The commitment involves 2-3 hours per week at a cost of \$150.00. Dr. Borofsky will send an html email to faculty and staff to announce the opportunity.
2. The IP policy has been added on our website as a PDF. The Committee desires to also include the IP policy and the FAQs as separate html pages. Ideally, the FAQs will reference specific sections of the policy and not just the first page of the IP policy. The Web Team started to work on this initiative before their staff was cut in July. There was consensus to work on this project independently of the Web Team.

Update Utility Patent Application

The provisional patent application entitled "TRIAZINIUM IODIDE FORMS AND METHODS OF MAKING THEREOF" was filed by Dr. Lynn Koplitz on March 30, 2017. The deadline to file the utility patent application is March 30, 2018. Dr. Davis started a discussion on how the University can monetize the patent. Different avenues include: (1) license the patent, (2) sell the patent (3) use the patent for publicity. Dr. Blevins discouraged the use of patent trolls and patent aggregators. Dr. Borofsky stated that Dr. Koplitz will retire after the fall 2017 semester. He added that the IP policy gives the patent to the University but it is worthless if it is not developed. So the question is – how long do we keep her on contract and will there be a ROI on the funds needed to develop the patent? Or will the ROI purely be PR. After further discussion around our core competencies, publicity value, potential commercial applications, and selling the provisional patent, there was consensus to meet with Drs Koplitz and Stephenson to gather their expectations and goals. Dr. Davis added that the average time through a patent application process was approximately 24.1 months.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.