

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
REPORT FOR FACULTY SENATE  
OCTOBER 2020 MEETING**

**Membership**

The Faculty Senate's Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) is composed of the following members for the 2020-21 academic year:

**Elected**

Eric P. Robinson, **Chair**, Journalism and Mass Communications (term expires 2021)  
Peisheng Xu, Pharmacy (2021)  
Cormac Cannon, Music (2022)  
Milind Kuncher, Physics and Astronomy (2022)  
Michael Weisenburg, Libraries (2023)  
John Lavigne, Integrated Information Technology (2023)

**Appointed**

Michael Myrick, Chemistry and Biochemistry (2023)  
Ed Snow, School of Law (2023)  
Melissa Moss, Engineering (2023)  
Chad Hardaway, ex-officio, Director, Technology Commercialization  
George Lampl, Office of General Counsel

**Copyright Policy**

In 2016, the Committee passed proposed revisions in the Intellectual Property Policy (ACAF 1.33). As part of this review, a consensus emerged that the Intellectual Property Policy should focus on patent issues and trademark issues, while a new, separate policy should be adopted regarding copyrights.

The Committee passed a final draft of a new proposed Copyright Policy (ACAF 1.35) on April 25, 2019, after feedback from the Faculty Advisory Committee.

The proposed Copyright Policy was then sent to the Faculty Advisory Committee for approval last spring. This led to robust debate among some members of the faculty over some of the provisions of the proposed policy, particularly regarding copyright in digital course materials.

Over the summer, the draft policy has been under review by the General Counsel's Office, the Provost's Office, and others. This has led to several proposed changes to the draft policy, including the suggestion that we examine how other universities have addressed copyright issues in the context of technology-enhanced courses.

The Chair has suggested that further revisions of the draft policy be discussed by a variety of stakeholders, in order to create a policy that addresses the various concerns that have arisen in discussions of the draft.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Chair, Intellectual Property Committee