

## **Academic Assembly**

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I. Welcome, Introductions, Overview of AcA

A. President Rob Rutherford, Vice Presidents Karen Cowgill (chairing Program Reviewgram

1. Some graduate students have an implementation project, such as computer engineering students who develop an app, and the property rights for these are not clearly defined when faculty are closely involved in development
  2. The university hopes to not move in the direction of patenting research, and software that comes out of a classroom experience is owned by the creator (in the same way as printed material)
  3. Normal purview of faculty member is to develop online and hybrid courses
  4. Some current arrangements don't clearly fit under the "umbrellas" provided
- C. University's rights
1. Protected under a work for hire contract or volunteer contract
  2. Certain sponsored projects, negotiated through ORSSP, will have contractual details that trump the IP ownership general policy
  3. Project center contracts will be moved under ORSSP, there will be a growth period to figure out exactly how these will be handled with an annual review of contracts to keep the process up to date
- D. Definition of "any use of facilities" seems very broad for volunteers
1. The university owns this intellectual property because of the access to faculty, facilities, resources provided
  2. Under extraordinary circumstances, MOU would be negotiated
  3. Volunteers must apply to be on campus and sign research agreement
  4. Suggested edit: "Exceptional contribution of university resources, which may include..."
- E. Finished IP policy will appear in new Faculty Handbook
1. New handbook includes a section on amendment process whereby small changes can be approved by FHRC and larger changes must go to all faculty
  2. Existing handbook says that all faculty must see any proposed revisions and then FHRC reviews feedback before proceeding with revision
- F. Next steps
1. Send specific edits and suggestions to Rob Rutherford, Nalini Iyer and Bill Ehmann by Wednesday (October 2) afternoon
  2. Vote on new policy draft at next meeting
- V. Executive Session