University Senate Research Committee Meeting
17 December 2015
1:00 PM
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In Attendance: E. Chasens, G. Huber, L. Matsumura, P. Morel, P. Smolinski, M. Spring, Jessica Tebbets and Lauren Xu

The minutes of the November 2015 meeting were presented.

Action Item: The minutes will be sent by email for an acceptance vote.

The revised mission statement was presented.

Action Item: An email vote will be taken for the acceptance of the mission statement.

M Redfern provided a statement on the web site that is available for input from the Pitt community to the Policy Review Committee and Provost Beeson's letter on the policy review. This note is included in Appendix I.

G. Huber state that the deadline for comments to the Department of Health and Human Services Notice for Proposed Rule Making (NPRM 2015) has been extended to 6 January 2016 and work continues on the Pitt response.

C. Wilcox who is member of the Policy Review Committee's Conflict of Interest Subcommittee gave an overview of the activities of the Subcommittee. The committee has contacted 60 individuals at the University who have had the most interaction with the COI committee and has had a response from 42. These individuals were asked to provide comments on COI policy and issues. The policy at other universities (Penn State, Stanford, MIT) is being benchmarked and the issues that are being considered can be classified as faculty rights, university rights and COI management.

L. Hillock who is chair of the Policy Review Committee's Copyright Subcommittee gave an overview of the activities of the Subcommittee. The subcommittee's purview was material developed that was viewed as scholarship which could include books, articles, art, data and computer programs. A change in the copyright development fund is being considered since few people are aware of this. At present 25% of copyright proceeds go to this fund that is administered by Mark Redfern. The committee is considering changing this to a 50:50 split between faculty and Department. The committee is also considering data ownership.

R. Jacobson, member of the Policy Review Committee's IP/Patent Subcommittee, gave an overview of the activities of the Subcommittee. She stated the three main issues the subcommittee is considering are ownership (IP rights), distribution of income and invention management. These are being benchmarked across 10 universities. The Subcommittee will develop principles regarding IP that will serve to drive the policy. In

developing the policy, the Subcommittee will create a section giving different scenarios and a FAQ's section on the policies. The committee will create use cases in order to illustrate these principles. In addition the committee is considering creating an oversight committee to resolve issues that may arise between faculty members.

The committee discussed the interaction of the Senate Tenure and Academic Freedom Committee (TAFC) with the Research Committee in that issues that arise in tenure and academic freedom cases may involve research policy. The result of the discussion was that the a member of the TAFC is welcome to attend Research Committee meetings and if there is an issue that arises in TAFC that involves research policy, TAFC should contact the Research Committee should that the discussion of issue can be scheduled.

Action Item: The Chair of the TAFC will be contacted.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting will be 22 January 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Patrick Smolinski

Appendix I

Since I will not be able to make the Senate Research Committee meeting next week, I wanted to update you now on the Policy Review Committee so you can share with the committee. Again, the purpose of the committee is to review and revise the policies related to patents, copyright, COI and industrial relations. The Policy Review Committee website that gives more detail is: http://policyreview.pitt.edu . The committee is now soliciting input from the broader Pitt community. We are getting the word out to faculty, staff and students to provide their input through structured questions on our website (http://policyreview.pitt.edu). This is being done through the Deans, Associate Deans, Student Government groups, and some committees so far. Can you please ask the committee members to pass the word? Also, if there is a way through the Senate to get the word out too that would be great.

Patty announced this through her letter to the community:
http://www.universityannouncements.pitt.edu/provost1209.pdf

Also, there was a UTimes article published today:
http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/?p=37655