

University Senate Research Committee Meeting
18 March 2016
1:00 PM
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In Attendance: K. Barlow, E. Chasen, M. Goodhart, G. Huber, M. Kovacs, R. Melhem, M. Redfern, P. Smolinski, M. Spring and J. Tebbets

It was noted that minutes of the February 2015 meeting were sent by email. A request was made for any corrections or comments and none were suggested.

Action Item: The minutes will be sent to Lori Molinaro for posting on the Senate web site.

Discussion was initiated regarding Prof. Dennis Curran comments from the proceeding meeting on IP policy at the University of Pittsburgh. It was brought up that the decision of the Stanford vs. Roche case was a specific decision regarding IP in that situation and may not be interpreted as a general statement. M. Redfern stated that the case is complicated and suggested that the Committee invite Mark Melandro and Micheal Madison to discuss IP in greater detail.

M. Goodhart circulated a document regarding community based research. He stated that it seems that unfunded research is under acknowledged by the University and that University personnel often confuse community based research with service learning by students.

M. Goodhart stated that there is no office or person at the University that is designated to deal with local governments, community organizations and entities of this nature. M. Spring stated that he attended a meeting with Abby Wilson of the Allegheny County Health Department who provided many examples of university-community research.

M. Redfern asked if a “portal” was needed at the University to enhance community based research? M. Goodhart stated that if it is a goal of the University to strengthen research in the humanities and social studies and engage the local community in research, better support is needed in terms of research administration for interacting with these groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.
Minutes submitted by: Patrick Smolinski