

Intellectual Property Committee Meeting
Minutes
April 13, 2007
2pm
ATEC Conference Room (ATEC 1.606)

Members present: Ray Baughman, Austin Cunningham, David Deeds, Edwin Flores, George McMechan, Mihai Nadin, Alex Nestor and Lakshman Tamil

Guests: Beth Keithly and Rafael Martín

Members absent: Daniel Chalker, Bruce Gnade, Nasser Kehtarnavaz, Rob Miles, Jodi Nelson and Linda Thibodeau

Lakshman Tamil called the meeting to order and turned the floor over to Rafael Martín.

Proposal of new IP process:

Martín outlined a new proposal for handling IP on the campus which he was presenting to internal stakeholders. Under the current plan, unless otherwise obligated, inventions created by UTD personnel will be licensed to the inventors. UTD will pay for the provisional patent.

The committee asked if there were any other schools with a similar program. The University of Cambridge and The University of Waterloo were the only two schools that Martín knew of with a similar program.

The committee expressed its concern over the amount of income that the university would require from the inventor. The topic was tabled for the next meeting which would be specifically to outline a proposal to Dr. Daniel.

The committee also inquired as to the role of the IP Committee under such a plan. Martín suggested the committee would serve as an advisory board on policy.

The committee was in favor of the policy in theory although strongly believed that solidifying the details was critical to their continuing support. They expressed their pleasure at the number of tools that would be available to faculty members.

Next steps:

- ☐ The IP Committee will meet again to draft the white paper requested by Dr. Daniel.
- ☐ Martín will continue to present the proposal to internal stakeholders.

Lakshman Tamil adjourned the meeting.