

## **2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **University Senate Committee on Intellectual Property, Patents, and Copyright (IPPC)**

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#### **Composition of IPPC Committee 2019-2020**

- Estelle Cormet-Boyaka– Veterinary Biosciences
- Chris Coss– Pharmacy, Secretary
- Glenn Daehn, Materials Science and Engineering
- Thomas Darrah, Earth Sciences
- Carmen P. DiGiovine, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Chair
- Daniel Gallego Perez– Biomedical Engineering
- Joerg Jinschek– Materials Science Engineering
- Randy Moses – Research Administration
- Scott Osborn– Corporate Engagement Office
- Mark Ruegsegger– Biomedical Engineering
- Chris Wiegman - Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (representing the Council of Graduate Students)

#### **Regular Non-Voting Attendees:**

- David Mess, Assistant Director of Licensing, Corporate Engagement Office
- Mike Steffensmeier, Senior Associate General Counsel, Director of IP Strategy, Office of Legal Affairs
- Kevin Taylor, Associate Vice President, Technology Commercialization

## Summary of 2019-2020 Activities

- IPPC main task this year was collaboration between the IPPC and the CEO as the office transitioned from the TCO to the CEO, advising the corporate engagement office on future activities, and the identification of strategies to engage faculty and staff in the development and implementation of intellectual property.
- The IPPC, in collaboration with the CEO, addressed the following topics throughout the course of the academic year.
  - a. Ohio IP Promise
  - b. Licensing and Commercialization Outcomes
  - c. Tech Access Fees (TAF)
  - d. 2020 IP funding plans and charge models
  - e. Industry Engagement
  - f. Impact of IPPC Policy Update
- In October, Kevin Taylor, Vice President, Economic and Corporate Engagement, provided an overview of the Ohio IP Promise, and requested feedback from staff and faculty on how they can better support the development and commercialization of intellectual property. In addition, the committee members were provided with an overview of the purpose and practical implications of the technology access fee (TAF).
- In November, Dan Kramer – Associate Vice President of Industry Liaison Office initiated lengthy discussion/presentation on Technology Access Fees (TAFs) as a model for sponsored research at OSU. In addition, the committee started discussions on strategies for engaging with staff and faculty about opportunities for development and commercialization of intellectual property. Future discussions would address the implementation of the strategies, as the IPPC does not have the capacity to carry out the strategies.
- In January, the IPPC reviewed activities from the fall, and agreed that the primary activity for the IPPC in the future should address the implementation and dissemination of processes for the development of intellectual property, patents and copyright materials. The implementation and dissemination activities should occur in collaboration with the CEO in order to amplify the potential impact of the activities.
- In February, the IPPC reviewed information from the Privacy Officer's office. Also, the Chair of the IPPC provided an update on IPPC activities to the Steering Committee at the January 2020 meeting. The steering committee was interested in TAFs, the updated IP policy and its impact on staff and faculty.
- In March, turnout for the meeting was low as a result of the transition from in-person teaching to on-line teaching. The discussions focused on the potential impact of COVID-19 on IP research and development activities for staff, faculty and the CEO.
- In April, Kevin Taylor and Scott Osborne provided an overview of the culture of commercialization at OSU. The presentation was extremely informative, and provided members of the committee with benchmarks. The benchmarks will be utilized to

measure outcomes of future activities. The committee elected Daniel Gallego Perez as Chair and Chris Coss as Secretary for 2020-2021.

#### **Plans for IPPC in 2020-2021**

- During the next academic year, IPPC will oversee the implementation of the new IP policy.
- Outside of the IP policy, IPPC will be involved in other matters relating to the creation, use, and commercialization of IP on campus. The IPPC will advise and support the CEO with many of these activities.