

Meeting Summary
University Senate Meeting
March 8, 2018, 3:30 PM
Saxbe Auditorium, located in Drinko Hall.

1. Secretary's Report #364

Ben Givens, University Senate Secretary

The motion for approval carries.

2. Proposal to Approve a Revision to the Intellectual Property Policy

Guy Rub, Chair, Intellectual Property, Patents and Copyrights committee

The IP Policy touches on what we are at the core of the University. Different people have different viewpoints. The current revision is the result of a process that considered these different views. Many stakeholders across the University shared their insight. The three ideals of this process were: transparency, consensus, and openness. This policy went out of the committee for University wide feedback three times. In the last round alone, they received one hundred comments, and considered each one by one. The goal is broad consensus.

The policy set forth default rules for the ownership and commercialization of intellectual property. The university can enter its own separate agreements. The policy is subject and related to federal and state laws. Vagueness cannot be completely avoided, but there are procedures to handle it, including an appeal process through IPPC, and power, to the IPPC, to initiate future revisions.

"Scholarly Works," "Instructional Works," and "Artistic Works" belong to the faculty-creator. Instructional works are subject to a limited license to the university to allow it to carry on with its educational mission. With minor exceptions, rights in inventions and patents belong to the university, but this new revision provides a slightly more generous royalty sharing scheme. Software patents typically belong to the university. Rights in non-patented software are shared. Creators have exclusive rights in scholarly and instructional use. The university can otherwise commercialize it. Creators can permit other use for free, allowing distribution by General Public License (GPL) and similar platforms. Staff intellectual property rights typically belong to the university. Units, however, can request the Technology Commercialization Office (TCO) allow a different treatment for those who "set [their] own agenda." Subject to certain exceptions, students own their intellectual creations.

The motion carries and passes unanimously.

3. Proposal to Award Honorary Degree

Jose Diaz, Chair, Honorary Degrees Committee

The Committee on Honorary Degrees of the University Senate has carefully reviewed the dossier of Dr. Matthieu Ricard, a Buddhist monk, and the French translator of his Holiness the Dalai Lama, for an honorary degree from The Ohio State University. Dr. Benjamin Hoffmann, Assistant Professor of Early Modern French Studies brought the nomination forward.

Matthieu Ricard received a PhD in cell genetics in 1972, after working under the guidance of Nobel Prize Winner, François Jacob. After the completion of his doctoral work, he moved to the Himalayan region where he has been living for the past 45 years. An international best-selling author and a prominent speaker, he has authored and co-authored numerous books translated into over twenty languages, including *The Quantum and the Lotus* (a dialogue with the astrophysicist Trinh Xuan Thuan), and *The Monk and the Philosopher*, a dialogue with his father, the French philosopher Jean Francois Revel.

A question was raised about the nominee's book, *A Plea for Animals*, and whether it is antithetical to the University's support of research using animals.

The motion carries and passes.

4. Resolution to Require Sexual Misconduct Training

Blaine Lilly, Chair, Faculty Council

Liz Gordon-Canlas, Chair, University Staff Advisory Committee

Sara Adelman, President, Inter-Professional Council

At the last meeting Gates spoke about the importance of establishing strong institutional integrity. The Senate Leaders took this very seriously. Discussions followed in Faculty Council, USAC, USG, CGS, and IPC. At the March 1st Steering Committee, the resolution was discussed and it was decided to be placed on the senate agenda for approval. The proposed resolution requests the administration to require sexual misconduct training for all members of the OSU community. While it is understood that mandatory training will not prevent all misconduct, this training is an essential first step in creating a more robust culture of institutional integrity at Ohio State. Liz Gordon-Canlas mentioned that USAC has advocated for many years to include a staff prospective of how university staff are trained in matters of sexual misconduct. Staff reach every corner of this campus, and interact with student in many way. In an effort to improve culture, and to create a safer campus, USAC supports this resolution and all such initiatives. The student leaders are all in agreement that this is a very welcome initiative. Let it be resolved that the University shall require all faculty, students, staff and administrators to participate in initial and ongoing training in sexual misconduct education, prevention and reporting.

The motion carries and passes unanimously.

5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**
7. **Announcements**
8. **Adjourn**

Note that Provost Bruce McPheron's annual "State of Academic Affairs" address commenced immediately following the adjournment of Senate business for this meeting.