Research Policy Committee Minutes
September 28, 2018
2:30-4:00 pm
Fleming 4025
Chaired by Kate Eaton

Members present: Niccolo Biltramo, Yi-Su Chen, William Close, Mimi Dalaly, Kate Eaton, Nick Harris, Austin Glass, Irene St. Charles, Adam VanDeusen, Nocona Sanders
Absent: Francois Beaufay, Jake Carlson, Marisa Conte, Francine Dolins, Ashley Kalinkski, Jessie Lee, Albert Liang, Jairam Menon

I. Welcome to new and previous committee members (Kate standing in for Francine)
   a. Attenders introduced themselves
   b. Kate briefly discussed the committee’s charge and tasks

II. Guest: 2:45-3:15pm: Dr. Kate Eaton (Medical School, Microbiology & Immunology): Academic structure powerpoint (attached)

III. Guest: 3:20-3:55pm: Dr. Gail Hohner (Director, Multidisciplinary Design Program, UM-College of Engineering):
   a. Powerpoint attached
   b. Dr. Hohner explained the status of students and visiting research with regard to intellectual property. A summary follows:
      i. For all university employess (anyone who is paid by UM), including staff, graduate students, faculty, post-docs, etc. The University owns all intellectual property.
      ii. Anyone else, including non-paid volunteers, part-time students or students working for credit, visiting scholars, and anyone not paid directly by UM, owns their own intellectual property.
      iii. This means that students can legally patent or publish their results independently. This could effectively shut down the lab.
      iv. The reason for requiring students to sign over their IP is to protect the investigator and the university.
      v. There is no absolute requirement for asking students to sign. However, it is a wise protection for the PI, and students can be required to sign as a requirement for employment.
      vi. Investigators should not offer legal advice, but can explain the meaning of the document.
   c. Dr. Hohner provided and explained the non-disclosure/IP assignment form. The form itself and an annotated version are attached.
   d. The student form does not need to be countersigned by the regents.
   e. Discussion followed with clarification of a few points. Questions could be directed to Gail or to David Grimm (Associated General Counsel)
   f. Please spread the word to faculty and other investigators in your units.

IV. Announcements: Since only 3 of last year’s committee are present, discussion of the May minutes was tabled.

V. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.