

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 years' committee are present, discussion of the May minutes was tabled.
- V. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.