




University Senate CHARGE

Date:	February 1, 2011
To:	Robert Schwab Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee
From:	Linda Mabbs Chair, University Senate 
Subject:	Intellectual Property Policy
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Deadline:	December 1, 2011

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Faculty Affairs Committee reviews the attached background document regarding the genesis of the University of Maryland Policy on Intellectual Property IV-3.20(A). Concerns have been raised about the implementation of this policy since its approval in 2005.

The SEC feels that a review of the policy and its implementation is appropriate. Therefore, we ask that the Faculty Affairs Committee review the existing practice of implementing this policy and comment on whether it is appropriate. Specifically, we ask that you:

1. Consider whether the policy should be revised.
2. Consult with representatives of the Office of Research Administration & Advancement (ORAA), the Vice President for Research, and the Legal Office, as well as Robert Dooling, Associate Vice President for Research and Anne Bowden, University Counsel who were responsible for drafting the original policy.
3. Review the current ORAA process and advise on how it can be streamlined.
4. Advise on how appeals and/or requests for a waiver of the policy should be handled.
5. Comment on whether an abridged version of the policy should be created and whether this is even allowable under the University System of Maryland (USM) Policy.
6. Comment on how the Intellectual Property Committee can be made more visible and what role it should play.
7. Comment on whether the policy should be reviewed at some regular interval.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than December 1, 2011. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.