Title and Purpose

The Intellectual Property Advisory Committee ("Committee") is a concurrent committee reporting to the Senate and the President. Its purpose is defined in The University of Texas at Dallas Intellectual Property Policy (UTDPP1002), consistent with general law and practice. Accordingly, it has two main responsibilities. It shall "serve as an advisory body to the President and the OTC [Office of Technology Commercialization] regarding matters related to commercialization activities and of Board's intellectual property" and "serve as an advisory and/or mediation body with respect to faculty disputes or grievances with UT Dallas in connection with intellectual property matters."

Membership

The committee shall have eight voting members appointed from among the voting faculty to provide broad representation of faculty research interests in the university. faculty (as defined in Faculty Governance – UTDPP1088 of The University of Texas at Dallas Handbook of Operating Procedures), consisting of one person appointed to represent each of the Schools, to provide broad representation of faculty research interests across the university. Members shall serve staggered two-year terms. One voting member from the faculty will be Chair, one will be Vice-Chair.

Voting members shall be appointed according to the procedures in Faculty Governance – UTDPP1088 of The University of Texas at Dallas Handbook of Operating Procedures. Vacancies that arise from resignation or departure shall be filled in the same manner.

Ex-officio members, with vote, shall be the Dean of Graduate Education or his/her designee, the Vice President for Budget and Finance or his/her designee, the Associate Vice President for Research, and the Director of the Office of Technology Commercialization.

The President, at his or her discretion, may appoint up to three non-voting non-UT Dallas members to advise the voting members.

Reporting

The Responsible University Official is the Vice President for Research. If a disagreement should arise between the Committee and the Vice President for Research that cannot be resolved, the Chair of the Committee shall refer the matter to the Speaker of the Faculty. The Responsible University Official is similarly obligated to refer the matter to the President of the university. The Speaker of the Faculty will work with the President to resolve this disagreement.

Activities and Schedule

The committee shall meet at least once a semester and as called by the Chair.
Annual Reports

The Committee shall submit an annual report to the Senate and President. The report shall include any changes the Committee may recommend to University or System policy and descriptions of any disputes that arose between the university and the inventors.

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