


Memorandum

To: Provost, Chancellors, Vice Presidents, Vice Provosts, Deans, Directors, and Heads of Schools, Departments, Divisions, and Offices

From: Charles O. Rutledge, Ph.D. 
Vice President for Research

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Re: Issuance of Revised Policy on Intellectual Property

During the Fall of 2005, President Jischke appointed a task force of faculty and administrators to review Purdue's Policy on Intellectual Property (Executive Memorandum B-10) and comment on its effectiveness. In March 2006, the task force submitted its final report and recommendations. This report concluded that Purdue's Policy on Intellectual Property supported the goals of the University's and Purdue Research Foundation's Strategic Plans, but noted that the Policy was difficult to understand and no office within the University was identified to administer and interpret the Policy. As a result, the Purdue University community experienced difficulty resolving questions and issues related to intellectual property when they arose.

To address these concerns, the task force recommended adoption of a revised statement of the Policy on Intellectual Property that is shorter and easier to understand, and which assigned responsibility for administration and interpretation of the Policy to the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR). During the intervening year, the proposed revised Policy on Intellectual Property has been reviewed and discussed broadly within the Purdue community and, on May 18, 2007, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

I am writing today to announce that the revised Policy on Intellectual Property (Policy VIII.4.1) has now been posted on the University Policies website. The Office of Research Administration within OVPR has been assigned responsibility for interpretation and administration of the new Policy. Questions regarding the Policy on Intellectual Property should be directed to Associate Vice President Peter Dunn, who serves as Director of University Research Administration. During the next few months, the Office of Research Administration will develop and post on the OVPR website a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and answers regarding the interpretation and implementation of the Policy.

To view the revised Policy on Intellectual Property visit:
http://www.purdue.edu/policies/pages/teach_res_outreach/viii.4.1.htm