

**HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICIES AND GUIDELINES  
1985 TO PRESENT**

Item No. 3	Date of BOR Meeting: 10/9/87	Section Affected/New Section Added: Amendments to Numerous Subsections in Part Two, Chapter V, Section 2.4
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**SUMMARY OF REVISION:** Identifies intellectual property which will be owned by Board (Sections 2.452, 2.453); nonsubstantive editorial & clarifying revisions; clarifies Institutional Patent Committee's role & procedures for reviewing submissions; added new subsections regarding equity interests, business participation & reporting requirements; added new subsection regarding BOR approval of agreements having intellectual property on institutional docket.

**a. Subdivision 2.42 was amended to read as follows:**

2.422 This policy shall apply to intellectual property of all types (including any invention, discovery, trade secret, technology, scientific or technological development, or computer software) regardless of whether subject to protection under the patent, trademark or copyright laws. This policy shall not apply to faculty authored written or visual work, except computer software, produced in the author's professional field, which property shall be owned by the creator; nor shall the policy apply to intellectual property produced as a work for hire in the performance of a contract with the System or as a part of an employee's assigned work responsibilities, which property shall be owned by the Board.

**b. Subdivision 2.44 was amended to read as follows:**

2.441 Intellectual property that is unrelated to the individual's employment responsibility, has been developed as a result of the individual's efforts on his or her own time, with no System support or use of System's facilities.

2.442 Intellectual property that is related to the individual's employment responsibility, or has resulted either from activities performed by the individual on System time, or with support by State funds, or from using System facilities.

2.443 Intellectual property that has resulted from research supported by a grant or contract with the Federal Government or an agency thereof, a nonprofit or for profit nongovernmental entity or by a private gift to the System.

**c. Subdivision 2.45 was amended to read as follows:**

2.452 Intellectual property either related to the individual's employment responsibility, or resulting from activities performed on System time, or with support by State funds, or from using System facilities shall be subject to ownership by the Board. (See 2.442.)

2.4521 Before intellectual property covered by Section 2.422 is disclosed either to the public or for commercial purposes, and before publishing same, the creator shall submit such intellectual property to the Institutional Patent Committee for determination of the System's interest. A component institution may establish guidelines in its Handbook of Operating Procedures for submitting different categories of intellectual property to its Institutional Patent Committee, and procedures to be followed by the Institutional Patent Committee in reviewing and evaluating such submissions. Such guidelines and procedures shall be consistent with this policy and shall be subject to approval as a part of the institutional Handbook. In those instances, however, where delay would jeopardize obtaining the appropriate protection for the property, the creator may, with the approval of the Chairman of the Institutional Patent Committee and the chief administrative officer, file a patent application or take other steps to obtain available protection prior to the Committee and administrative review provided in the following two subsections. If the request is granted, the creator may proceed with the filing of a patent application or other available protective measures pending the determination of the System's interest; provided, however, that the creator shall be reimbursed for expenses in filing the patent application or taking other steps to obtain protection if the decision of the System is to assert and exploit its interests. The Chairman of the Institutional Patent Committee shall notify the System Intellectual Property Office of any such application.

2.4523 If the System decides to patent or seek other available protection for intellectual property in which it decides to assert and exploit its interest, it shall proceed either through its own efforts or those of an appropriate private firm or attorney to obtain protection and manage the intellectual property. Under appropriate circumstances, and with the consent of the General Counsel and the approval of the Attorney General, component institutions may arrange to have services to obtain protection for intellectual property performed by a local outside attorney on a case-by-case basis. It shall be mandatory for all employees, academic and nonacademic, to assign the rights to intellectual property and patents to the Board when such creations fall within Paragraph 2.452. In those instances where the System licenses rights in intellectual property to third parties, the costs of licensing and obtaining a patent or other protection for the property on behalf of the Board shall first be recaptured from any royalties received by the System, and the remainder of such royalty income (including license fees, prepaid royalties and minimum royalties) shall be divided as follows:

50% to creator

50% to System.

With the prior approval of the Board as an agenda item, a component institution may include provisions in its Handbook of Operating Procedures to adjust the allocation of royalties set forth herein, but in no event shall the creator receive more than 50% or less than 25% of such proceeds. The division of royalties from patents or other intellectual property managed by an intellectual property management concern will be controlled by the terms of the System's agreement with such concern, as approved by the Board. Any other deviation from this rule requires the prior approval of the Board.

2.453 Intellectual property resulting from research supported by a grant or contract with the Federal Government, or an agency thereof, with a nonprofit or for profit

nongovernmental entity, or by a private gift or grant to the System shall be subject to ownership by the Board. (See 2.443.)

**d. New Subdivisions 2.46, 2.47, and 2.48 were added to read as follows:**

2.46 Equity Interests.

2.461 In agreements with business entities relating to rights in intellectual property owned by the Board, the System may receive equity interests as partial or total compensation for the rights conveyed.

2.462 Consistent with Section 51.92, Education Code, and subject to review and approval by the chief administrative officer of the component institution, the Office of the Chancellor and the Board, employees of the System who conceive, create, discover, invent or develop intellectual property may hold an equity interest in a business entity that has an agreement with the System relating to the research, development, licensing or exploitation of that intellectual property.

2.463 The System may negotiate, but shall not be obligated to negotiate, an equity interest on behalf of any employee as a part of an agreement between the System and a business entity relating to intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented or developed by the employee and owned by the Board.

2.464 Dividend income and income from the sale or disposition of equity interests held by the Board pursuant to agreements relating to intellectual property shall belong to the System and shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.50 below.

2.465 Dividend income and income from the sale or disposition of an equity interest held by a System employee pursuant to an agreement between the System and a business entity relating to rights in intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented or developed by such employee shall belong to the employee.

2.47 Business Participation.

2.471 Any System employee who conceives, creates, discovers, invents or develops intellectual property shall not serve as a member of the board of directors or other governing board or as an officer or an employee (other than as a consultant) of a business entity that has an agreement with the System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of that intellectual property without prior review and approval by the chief administrative officer of the component institution, the Office of the Chancellor and the Board as an agenda item.

2.472 When requested and authorized by the Board, an employee may serve on behalf of the Board as a member of the board of directors or other governing board of a business entity that has an agreement with the System relating to the research, development, licensing or exploitation of intellectual property.

2.48 Reporting.

2.481 Any employee covered by Section 2.462, 2.471, or 2.472 shall report in writing to the chief administrative officer of the component institution, or to such other person as may be designated by the chief administrative officer, the name of any business entity as referred to therein in which the person has an interest or for which the person serves as a director, officer or employee and shall be responsible for submitting a revised written report upon any change in the interest or position held by such person in such business entity. These reports shall be accumulated in the office of the chief administrative officer or designee and then forwarded to the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor by September 1 of each year so that the Office of the Chancellor may file a report with the Board at its October meeting. After the report has been approved by the Board, the Office of the Chancellor shall prepare the report to the Governor and the Legislature required by Section 51.912(c), Education Code.

**e. Present Subdivision 2.46 was renumbered as Subdivision 2.49 and amended to read as follows:**

2.49 Approval of Agreements Relating to Rights in Intellectual Property.

2.491 Agreements relating to rights in intellectual property shall ordinarily be approved by the Board on the institutional docket following review by the office of General Counsel and approval by the administration of the component institution and the Office of the Chancellor.

2.492 Any agreement altering substantially the basic intellectual property policy of the System as set out in the preceding sections and other policies and guidelines that may be adopted by the Board shall have the advance approval of the chief administrative officer, the Office of the Chancellor, and the Board as an agenda item.

**f. Present Subdivision 2.47 was renumbered as Subdivision 2.50 and amended to read as follows:**

2.50 Income from Intellectual Property. The portion of the net income the System retains from royalties and any other intellectual property-related income shall be used first to defray the expenses; if any, of the System Intellectual Property office and thereafter, as approved by the Board, for research purposes at the component institutions where the income providing creation originated. At the option of a component institution, such income may be accumulated in an endowment fund administered by the Office of Asset Management with the income to be distributed to the component institution for such purposes as may be approved by the Board.

**g. Present Subdivision 2.48 was renumbered as Subdivision 2.51**

**h. A new Subdivision 2.52 was added to read as follows:**

2.52 Unless otherwise required by law or the Regents' **Rules and Regulations**, each intellectual property agreement approved hereunder shall be construed in accordance with the Intellectual Property Policy in existence as of its approval date.