1. Call to Order

Chair Astley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Update on C4C’s “A Survey of IP Policies and Processes at UW Peer Institutions”

C4C’s report on IP policies at peer institutions will be finalized and distributed to SCIPC shortly.

3. Coordination between SCIPC and IPMAC [Exhibit A]

Mary Lidstrom (Vice Provost of Research) and Sean O’Connor (Law Professor and chair of IPMAC) attended the meeting to discuss coordination between SCIPC and the Intellectual Property Management Advisory Committee (IPMAC).

Mary Lidstrom presented a diagram of responsibilities for management of IP at the UW outlining the roles of the Office of Research and C4C (attached).

Sean O’Connor provided an overview of IPMAC and all agreed a closer working relationship between IPMAC, SCIPC, the Office of Research, and C4C would benefit all. Sean proposed the following with regard to IPMAC:

- Distribute IPMAC meeting minutes
- Create joint meetings between IPMAC and SCIPC
- Invite SCIPC members to IPMAC meetings

4. Objectives for the Year

Discussion focused on setting objectives for the year. The following objectives were proposed:

1. Resolve the “present assignment” language in the current (May 2013) Request for Approval of Outside Professional Work for Compensation (Form 1460).
   a. Discussion last year led to three potential options: 1) Broad assignment (currently adopted in the May 2013 version); 2) Narrow assignment; or 3) No assignment language
(create a separate IP Agreement Form). Each option inextricably links to more complex underlying IP issues that have prevented a rapid resolution to this issue.
b. Two interim revisions were proposed that could be adopted quickly while discussions ensue on the more complex IP issues: 1) Narrow the scope of the IP assignment in the Form to only IP generated from the outside work requested in the form; 2) Render the present assignment agreement in the Form null if the request for Outside Work is denied.

2. Establish a set of Faculty IP Principles to guide IPMAC and C4C as they establish/revise UW IP Policy.

3. Establish FAQs to begin the process of educating faculty/professional staff/students on how to manage/safeguard their IP. With the advent of Online Courses and rapid, global distribution of information via the web, IP management is integral to all faculty, not just those in STEM.

5. Review of the Minutes from October 29, 2013

The minutes from October 29, 2013 were approved as written.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Astley at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes by Grayson Court, Faculty Council Support Analyst, gcourt@uw.edu

Present: Faculty: Astley (Chair), Jacoby, O’Neill, Storti
Presidential Designee: Johnson
Ex-Officio: Miller, Mc Nerney, Gerrard
Invited Guest: Mary Lidstrom, Sean O’Connor

Absent: Faculty: Rubel, Shen, Teredesai
Ex-Officio:
To: Susan Astley, Chair – Senate Committee on IP and Commercialization  
Sean O’Connor, Chair – IP Management Advisory Committee  
From: Linden Rhoads, Vice Provost – Commercialization  
Cc: Kate O’Neill, Vice Chair – Faculty Senate

Re: FY14 Goals for improving UW IP policies

We look forward to working with IPMAC & SCIPC to achieve a number of goals this year. We suggest these improvements in order to facilitate industry engagements and entrepreneurship, and to clarify the UW’s commitment to academic culture.

Faculty ownership of course materials
The President and Provost have expressed support for policy affirming that UW faculty own their course materials. This isn’t the case at some universities. With more courses being offered online, this is a good time to memorialize this as a foundational aspect of UW’s IP policy.

Inventions – scope of assignment
We would like to narrow the scope of inventions assigned to the university, to those arising out of one’s university duties. This has been our practice, although existing policy is broader than this.

We would also like to affirm in policy the faculty’s right to put their works in the public domain.

Inventions – present assignment
We would like the UW to implement a preferred mechanism for present assignment. We are distributing a report that lists a number of mechanisms used at other universities. As soon as a preferable mechanism is adopted, the assignment can be removed from the form requesting approval for outside work.

Inventions – scope of reporting and disclosure
We would like to narrow the requirement to report inventions to those that are assignable to UW. No longer requiring faculty to report all inventions will make it easier for faculty to do outside work, and make it easier for the UW to hire adjunct faculty with inventive responsibilities to primary employers.

Software
We would like to clarify what software is assignable to the university. The concepts in the current policy do not clearly address the variety of ways in which software actually arises at the UW and the different modes of distribution.

We see these improvements as providing direct and immediate benefits to the UW community. We look forward to the faculty’s help in setting the shared vision and thereafter to those brave few volunteers to help with drafting new policy language. In addition to memorializing the changes proposed above, the policy needs to be rewritten so that it is more directly and clearly articulated.