

The Grad ZONE

Intellectual Property

by Andrea Best, Admin rep.

The University has recently developed a Policy on Rights in Intellectual Property (IP). You are probably wondering why you should continue reading this article and how this relates to you—because as Graduate students all of us are users of IP and the majority of us are creators. As users, we copy materials for research that may build on an existing idea. As creators, graduate students create a number of things while pursuing higher learning that have IP implications: a thesis, paper, stories, poems, designs, computer software, survey, photographs, to name a few.

The Canadian Graduate Council has developed a list of issues that should be considered to implement an effective IP policy. They include: differentiating between IP that arises from an em-

ployment position and that developed while doing their own research; a clear guideline for grant-

ownership and who gets any possible revenue that may arise from potential commercial property

ernment money to rely on, universities across the country are viewing potentially commercial

copyright of the thesis or project that may result from such a situation? How is the money to be divided between the supervisor, student and university? Should the money be divided between all three?

Having said all of this, the GSA needs your input. As grads, this affects you. There is a proposed policy that is being "fast-tracked" throughout the various channels, but we want to hear your views and opinions on it. The current format consists of a brief policy statement, numerous "guidelines" for scholarly and commercial property as well as a Commercial Property Rights Agreement for students and their academic advisors. All you have to do is contact your GSA rep or call the GSA office 453-4700 leaving us a message as to how to get a copy to you via campus mail, and then, tell us what you think. You can e-mail your response to us on internet at gsa@unb.ca. In order for us to represent your interests, we need to know what you think.

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Not getting all the information you want? Have you looked at the GSA bulletin Board on MUSE? By typing gsa.bbs on the command line you can access the bbs and move around like you would normally do in MUSE. If you can't find what you're looking for there, tell us, so we can add to the bbs.

Didn't hear about that social or sporting event? Are you signed up on the listserv? General announcements and information is sent to all those signed up on the listserv. To add your name to the list do the following:

1. send an e-mail message to: listserv@unb.ca
2. do not include a subject
3. the message should read: sub gsa your_real_name
i.e. sub gsa Tim Buskard

Any message or announcements will be sent this way along with the conventional posters etc. We cannot sign everyone up ourselves since there are over 750 full-time graduate students.

Part-time graduate students are welcome to use the bbs and to use the listserv but we cannot support you in any other way. At this time, part-time graduate students are not represented by any organised body. The GSA will try again this year to determine if part-time graduate students are interested in participating in the GSA at a reduced fee. They would automatically be covered under any blanket memberships we hold as was eligible for travel grants and to participate in the conference.

To change topics completely, did you know that the Executive has decided to put the power back in the hands of the societies? We want to help your society by providing funds for you use based on a proposal made to us. We want you to organise socials and to encourage other departments in your faculty to participate. Why not join up with another department faculty for a joint event. The Executive will hold fewer events and have one or two larger events at the end of term or the year. We want to help those departments/faculties that don't have societies to form them. The more societies, the stronger the Association.

ing authorship credit in joint publications i.e. first author, second author; set procedures for resolving IP disputes; and establishing a clear conflict of interest policy.

The area of debate is that of

that is developed at the university (examples would be a software program or engineering design that may be developed by a grad student that could have commercial use). With less gov-

products as a source of much needed revenue. Furthermore, universities are also co-operating with external entities that provide funding for research to be done by grad students—who owns the



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