

Intellectual Property Committee

2024-2025 Members

CHARGE: To make policy recommendations to the executive vice president and provost dealing with patents, copyrights, and related mechanisms for the protection/exploitation of intellectual properties. Reports to: Commission on Research.

Chair – Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer or Designee (By virtue of position)

Brandy Salmon	Chair	ex officio
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Ex Officio (By virtue of position)

Daniel Sui	Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer	ex officio
Kay Heidbreder	University Legal Counsel	ex officio
Melinda West	Associate VP for Finance & University Controller	ex officio
Grant Brewer	President of Virginia Tech Intellectual Properties (VTIP)	ex officio

An Administrative Leader Within the Office of the Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer selected by the Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer

Laurel Miner	Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation	2025
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Nine at-large members of the faculty-A/P faculty-staff (with patent and copyright experience) selected by the Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer in consultation with the Presidents of the Faculty, Staff, and A/P Faculty Senates (at least one must be an A/P Faculty member and at least one must be a staff employee)

Katherine Nicewander	LICENSE (Staff)	2026
Christy Cochran	Office of Sponsored Programs (A/P Faculty)	2025
Randy Heflin	Office of Research and Innovation (Faculty)	2026
Mike Evans	School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (Faculty)	2027
Andrea Hill	LAUNCH (A/P Faculty)	2027
Eric Burger	Commonwealth Cyber Initiative-Hub (Faculty)	2025
Erik Westman	Department of Minerals and Mining (Faculty)	2027
Oumar Barry	Mechanical Engineering (Faculty)	2025
Mark Widdowson	Environmental & Water Resource Engineering (Faculty)	2026

One graduate and professional student senator elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Eli Mejia	Electrical Engineering	2025
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One undergraduate student senator elected by the Undergraduate Student Senate

Vacant		2025
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