

Report of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation

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Government & IP Matters

- MCU: a share in the royalties and benefits of IP in Ontario universities
 - Ontario Health Data Platform (OHDP): COVID-19 research data
 - Curated and own by the Ontario Government
 - Accessible by Ontario researchers
 - Universities need approval by the Province to sign agreements with industry
 - Discussion regarding alternative model (e.g., with OMAFRA) has no traction
 - Maybe the model by which future IP will be handled
 - Centralized IP Service and Patent Collective: Protection, negotiation and education
- IP and Risk-Based Security Assessment
 - Fear of bad actors stealing Canadian invention and IP
 - NSERC Alliance Program
 - Applicants answer a list of questions that assess the risks
 - “Agnostic” approach, not country or company specific – difficult due to appearance of geopolitics and risk-associated rhetoric
 - Flagged << 5% of applications, while Alliance grant success rate is ~50%
 - NSERC is working with ISED: effectiveness, problems, rollout to other programs?



UWindsor IP Policy Committee

- UWindsor has an inventor-own IP position (Articles 34 – 36 of the FCA)
- Inventor's Handbook to Technology Transfer:
https://www.uwindsor.ca/research-partnerships/sites/uwindsor.ca/research-partnerships/files/inventors_handbook_2021.pdf
- Appointed Myra Tawfik as Chair of the IP Policy Committee
 - Strike the Committee, supported by Heather Pratt and ORIS
 - Consult colleagues
 - Develop an IP Policy document
 - Initiate IP education program along with Provincial initiative (Myra has a central role in Provincial education program)

