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Dr. Joshua Smith, Chair
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RE: ACADEMIC SENATE COMMENTS ON PRATT'S FINAL DRAFT IPP

Dear Chairman Smith and Provost Barna,

Pursuant to Provost Peter Barna's March 23, 2007 request to provide written comments on the final draft of the proposed Intellectual Property Policy, the Senate responds as follows:

The Academic Senate cannot support the final draft of the proposed Intellectual Property Policy dated March 22, 2007, without clarification of the extent of institutional ownership rights relative to institutional support. For example, in the category of sponsorship, the Senate recommends that a process for evaluating and determining the extent of ownership and rights be established. The default rights of 50/50 unless prior agreement otherwise is made, is a potential inhibition to research and grant writing.

The Senate thanks you and the committee for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about the Senate's response.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Lee".

Jenny Lee, President
Academic Senate