

## Office of Research

### Minutes of the

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

The Patents and Copyrights Committee met on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at 11:00 a.m., in the Deans' Conference Room, Derryberry Hall Room 200, with Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman, Chairperson, presiding.

##### Present

Mr. Mohamed Abdelrahman  
Dr. Douglas Airhart  
Dr. Ali Alouani  
Mr. Matthew Bauer  
Dr. Robert Clougherty  
Dr. Glen Johnson  
Dr. Francis Otuonye, Executive Officer  
Dr. Jan Turner

##### Absent

Dr. Shelia Green  
Ms. Carie Harrington  
Dr. Jack Matson  
Dr. Scott Northrup  
Ms. Nancy Mielke

Others present: Dr. Ken Currie, Mr. Richard Rhodes, and Mr. Mark Lynam.

Dr. Abdelrahman called the meeting to order. The agenda was as follows (see Attachment A):

**1. Approval of the agenda.**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2004, meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed.

**3. As a matter of unfinished business from the November 16, 2004, meeting, discussion on Commercialization of Intellectual Property.**

Dr. Otuonye stated that he had received and distributed the credentials on Richard Sheehan but had gotten very little response from the committee members. It was moved by Dr. Clougherty and seconded by Dr. Alouani that Mr. Sheehan be invited to attend the next committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. on February 10, 2005. The motion carried.

**4. Discussion of continuation-in-part invention disclosure related to the Automatic Prescription Verification System.**

Mark stated that a utility patent application was filed on behalf of Dr. Alouani and Dr. Currie for the Automatic Prescription Verification System (APVS). In December 2004, a continuation-in-part for the APVS invention was filed via an invention disclosure form that listed Dr. Curie, Richard Rhodes, and Mike Renfro as inventors. After considerable discussion of the claims included in the original APVS and the continuation-in-part, a motion was made by Dean Johnson to file separate patent application for invention filed by Dr. Currie, Richard Rhodes, and Mike Renfro. Dr. Turner seconded this motion, and the motion carried. Dr. Alouani, one of the original inventors on the APVS patent, objected to the motion and voted against it. Dr. Alouani also raised the concern that many of the claims in the disclosure being considered were incorrect. Dr. Alouani insisted that his rebuttal to Dr. Currie, et al, disclosure, along with additional work he did on the original APVS, such as the software developed to implement the APVS, be included as part of the prior art.

**5. Revision of invention disclosure form.**

Dr. Abdelrahmani stated that as a faculty member who is being frequently asked to sign invention disclosures, he would like to add a disclaimer to the document that reads: "The signatories indicate that they understood the invention disclosure as written by the inventors. They do not, however, warrant the novelty, usefulness, patentability, uniqueness, or in any other way endorse this invention."

The committee had a brief discussion; after which the committee tabled the motion until further legal opinion is obtained.

**6. There were no such other matters.**

**7. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Secretary