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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

The Advisory Committee on Patents and Copyrights met at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in the Deans' Conference Room, Derryberry Hall Room 200, with Dr. Ali Alouani, Chairperson, presiding.

Present

Dr. Douglas Airhart
Dr. Ali Alouani
Mr. Michael Baswell
Dr. Robert Clougherty
Dr. Shelia Green
Dr. Glen Johnson
Ms. Nancy Mielke
Dr. Christine Miller
Dr. Jan Turner
Dr. Francis Otuonye, Executive Officer

Absent

Dr. Mohammed Abdelrahman
Mr. Robert Cravens
Dr. Scott Northrup

Others present: Dr. Joshua Hauser and Mr. Mark Lynam.

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

1. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as distributed on motion by Dr. Airhart, and seconded by Dr. Clougherty.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the January 9, 2006, meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Turner and seconded by Dr. Green to approve the minutes as distributed.

3. Approved a request from Dr. Joshua Hauser that TTU waive rights to net proceeds from the sale of CDs.

Dr. Hauser has a trombone CD which he has recorded. About 180 copies will be distributed for promotional and recruiting purposes. Some additional copies will be available for purchase to people who attend concerts. Any copies purchased from the recording company above the 180 will have to be purchased by Dr. Hauser with his own funds. After considerable discussion, it was moved and seconded that TTU waive its rights to Dr. Hauser's CD

because of the low commercial potential of the CD. The motion carried with Dr. Green voting NO because she was afraid this would set a precedent.

4. Discussion on applying for a full patent for the fire detection robot.

Dr. Alouani provided a video to show the committee how the fire detection robot works. After the video was shown, Dr. Alouani stated that this robot is a general purpose autonomous robot, which can be used for several purposes, including fire detection and extinction. Dr. Alouani described several features of the robot, after which he left the room for the voting. Dr. Otuonye assumed the role of chair, and after discussing at length, it was moved and seconded to apply for a full patent on the fire detection robot. The motion carried.

5. Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Secretary