PATENT POLICY

Regional University System of Oklahoma
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5.13 PATENTS/COPYRIGHTS.

5.13.1 Patent Policy – General Statement. It is in the best interests of the Board and the State of Oklahoma to encourage faculty and staff members of the Universities to undertake creative endeavors and to receive recognition therefor.

The individual or individuals who make the discoveries or inventions which become the property of the University under this Policy will share in income derived by the university
from the marketing of such inventions and patent rights based thereon according to such terms as the president of the university shall direct. As provided for below, discoveries or inventions made or created by employees, faculty, students, and staff of the university will become the property of the university. Any and all benefits accruing to the university and derived from such discoveries or inventions will be used to further the research enterprise of the university. The university through its president, or an officer of the university designated by the president, may recognize the contract with patent service organizations, such, for example, as University Patents, Inc., or Research Corporation, in regard to obtaining, maintaining and marketing of patent rights (domestic and foreign) based on discoveries or inventions which are or shall become the property of the university pursuant to this Policy. It is not contemplated that this Patent Policy shall extend to and include questions of copyright ownership.

INVENTIONS AND PATENTS.

All discoveries or inventions, whether patentable or unpatentable, and including any and all patents (domestic and foreign) based thereon and applications for such patents, which are made or conceived by any member of the faculty, staff, or student body of the university, either in the course of employment by the university or substantially through the use of facilities or funds provided by or through the university shall be the property of the university; and all rights therein shall be assigned, licensed, or otherwise commercially exploited as directed by a duly authorized officer of the university, who shall be designated by the president of the university.

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