

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FACULTY SENATE

After about six years of work, including consultation with faculty and administration at Columbia and other campuses, the Committee submitted a proposal for a new Copyright Policy (ACAF 1.35) in 2021, which became university policy in 2022-23.

While the committee was busy during the pandemic, it's been quiet this past year. With all the other initiatives such as faculty manual changes that the faculty senate was dealing with in 2023-24, there were no assignments for the intellectual committee.

The new Copyright Policy is part of a package of changes, including a major revision to the University's Intellectual Property Policy (ACAF 1.33) to remove copyright provisions and focus the policy on patentable works, and repealing the out-of-date Software Policy (ACAF 1.39).

The new Copyright Policy was posted for a public comment period before it was signed by the President. The policy generally provides that faculty will typically hold the copyrights to academic works they create within the scope of their employment, in any medium (including online), subject to a few, limited exceptions such as work funded by an external entity that requires it to own the work as a condition of the funding.

Committee Membership (2023-24)

Name	Position	Department	Term Expires
Mohamad Azhar, Chair	Elected	Cell Biology and Anatomy/Medicine	2024
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Respectfully submitted,

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