GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2017
Robinson Hall B113, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes of October 4, 2017

III. Announcements
Rector Tom Davis
Provost Wu

IV. Committee Reports
A. Senate Standing Committees
   Executive Committee
   Academic Policies
   Budget and Resources
   Faculty Matters
   Nominations
   Faculty representative to University’s Advisory Board for Export Compliance:
   Kathryn Laskey (VSE – SEOR)
   Faculty representatives to University’s IP Committee:
   Organization and Operations
   Attachment A

B. Other Committees/Faculty Representatives
   External Academic Relations Committee
   Mason Core Committee

V. New Business

VI. Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty

VII. Adjournment
ATTACHMENT A

The Nominations Committee proposes the following faculty members to fill the three vacancies on the newly-reconstituted Intellectual Property Committee who appointments must be approved by the Faculty Senate.

Michael Daro Buschmann*
David Lattanzi *
Aarthi Narayanan*

Their statements of interest follow.

Three more members will be appointed by the Vice-President for Research and one additional member will be appointed in consultation with the faculty.

Mark Addleson
Chair, Faculty Senate Nominations Committee

Michael Buschmann
Chair, Dept. of Bioengineering,
Volgenau School of Engineering.

An extensive CV covers a very large number of grants, including, currently, a large grant for Biomaterials for regenerative medicine and nucleic acid delivery, many of which involve and/or have a bearing on IP-related issues. I’ve patented several inventions, successfully translated to commercial products, started several companies and have revised several IP license and cession agreements.

David Lattanzi
Assistant Professor
Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering Department,
Volgenau School of Engineering

During my time at Mason, I have been involved with IP development and commercialization in several ways. I have a patent currently under review based on IP developed at Mason. That IP has served as the foundation for an ongoing commercialization/start-up effort that I am a part of. I have gone through the National Science Foundation’s I-Corps training program for supporting entrepreneurship at universities, and have been successful in gaining state funding support for research commercialization. I would like to use these experiences to help improve and grow the IP development process for all faculty at Mason, and this seems like a good opportunity to do so.

Aarthi Narayanan
National Center for Biodefense and Infectious Diseases,
School of Systems Biology
I have been through the IP process (it is still ongoing) in Mason and have some experience with what it takes to get something put through IP. I have also had interactions with collaborators, colleagues etc. who have put things through the IP process that Mason might benefit from adopting in the long run. I am interested in this also because (at least from my experience thus far), Mason may not be exploring “for use” patents as much as Mason might want to Sometimes, the lack of a use patent and rights to use for a compound has worked against us.