

BP 3715 Intellectual Property

Reference: ***17 USC 101 et seq.; 35 USC 101 et seq.; and 37 CFR 1.1 et seq.***

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This policy defines intellectual property as the ownership and associated legal rights of creations, which are developed or guided chiefly by the intellect of their creators and which are intangibles. In particular, intellectual property is created when something new has been conceived and developed or when a non-obvious result, which can be applied to some useful purpose, has been discovered using existing knowledge. Intellectual property is usually divided into copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets.

The Chancellor shall develop procedures that define the rights, interests, protection, and transfer of intellectual property created by the District employees and students. In the development of these procedures, the Chancellor shall solicit input from the proper representatives of the college community in accordance with the District's policies regarding shared local decision making and reach agreement with exclusive bargaining representatives on issues within the scope of collective bargaining.