

### Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

Conflict of Interest and Intellectual Property & Rights Committee

Chair

Phyllis A. Camilleri

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

All meetings were held via email over several days for each issue addressed by the committee.

#### Major Actions or Accomplishments:

The committee performed two major actions regarding the use of faculty authored text books. In both actions the committee found no conflict of interest and recommended that the faculty member be allowed to use their textbook. The description and date of the decision of each action are summarized below.

- **August 30 2012.** Dr. Dwayne Estes of the Department of Biology requested approval from the Conflict of Interest and Intellectual Property and Rights Committee to use a draft manuscript of a book in a Biology class he taught in fall 2012. The book is titled "Guide to the Vascular Flora of Tennessee" and Dr. Estes is a coauthor. Dr. Estes indicated that the Biology Department will make, and pay for, copies of the draft manuscript for the students to use. Therefore, there will be no person or department receiving any profit from use of the draft manuscript. The committee unanimously found no conflict of interest and that Dr. Estes should be allowed to use his draft manuscript as a textbook in his class.
- **January 24 2013.** Dr. Jill Franks of the Department of Languages and Literature requested approval from the Conflict of Interest and Intellectual Property and Rights Committee to use two books that she authored in her spring 2013 Expository Writing (English 3200) class. The books are titled "Islands and the Modernists" and "Feminist Voices in British and Irish Novels by Women." Dr. Franks has the support of her department chair and has demonstrated that the books are uniquely suited to her course because she will use her work to demonstrate the process of writing from inception to publication. She also indicated that she will donate all of her profits to a scholarship. Therefore, there will be no APSU employee receiving any profit from use of her textbooks. After careful consideration of Dr. Frank's request, five members of the committee voted to recommend that Dr. Franks be allowed to use her books and one member voted not to recommend. Consequently, the majority of the committee found no conflict of interest, and that Dr. Franks should be allowed to use her textbooks in her class.