140-A Intellectual Property Policy Amendment

Approved by President ____________________________________________
Sidney A. McPhee, President

Effective Date: ________, 2020
Responsible Division: President
Responsible Office: University Counsel
Responsible Officer: Office of the University Counsel

I. Purpose

This amendment supplements Policy 140 Intellectual Property to the limited extent and duration as set forth below.

II. Amendment

For remote or web-assisted courses not developed under the Online Course Development Agreement with University College, all course materials created by faculty shall remain the property of the individual faculty members who created them. Course materials include, but are not limited to, written materials (such as lecture notes), slideshows, exercises, and faculty likeness or voice captured by video technology. This includes materials distributed to students and/or uploaded to MTSU-managed websites (including D2L) in conjunction with an MTSU course. The University shall retain a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use a faculty member’s course material for educational purposes if that faculty member is unable to complete a semester or summer term because of illness. This amendment retroactively applies to the spring 2020 and summer 2020 terms when all faculty were required to move their courses to remote learning.

III. Amendment Duration

This amendment is temporary and will remain in effect only as long as the COVID-19 crisis requires the University to take exceptional measures to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the MTSU community. It will remain in effect until rescinded by the President on the recommendation of the Provost.

Forms: none.

Revisions: none.
Last Reviewed: July 2020.

References: MTSU Policy 140 Intellectual Property.