



# University of Macau

## Panel on Intellectual Property Rights

**Line of reporting: Chair of the Research Committee/Vice Rector (Research)**

### Terms of reference:

1. To develop, review and update the UM Policy on intellectual property rights and oversee its implementation;
2. To monitor the progress of knowledge transfer and advise the **Vice Rector (Research)** the knowledge transfer strategy of UM; and
3. To appoint an **Ad hoc Patent Review Panel** for the evaluation of each patent application, patent renewal or release of software as open source codes.

### Membership:

- (1) The panel should have an odd number of members.
- (2) Chair: A full professor or above to be appointed by the **Vice Rector (Research)**
- (3) Other members: Up to four members with the rank of associate professor or above, who have profound knowledge and/or practical experience in the following areas: (i) knowledge transfer, (ii) technology application; (iii) consultancy; and/or (iv) intellectual property. The composition of members should maintain good balance of the technology strength of UM.
- (4) Secretary: To be supported by **R&DAO**. The secretary provides administrative support to the panel and possesses no voting power.

All members with voting power (including the Chair) possess equal voting right. In the case of a draw, the Chair will cast the quality vote. It is the responsibility of the voting members to declare.

All members, including the chair, are obliged to avoid handling any case with conflict of interests. Members are obliged to report the Chair as soon as possible. For the Chair, he/she should report to the **Vice-Rector (Research)**. For details of conflict of interests, please refer to guidelines of UM staff conduct.

The term of membership is two years but it is renewable.