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Association now contacting Members affected by recent Intellectual Property grievance settlement.

As you may be aware, the Faculty Association and the University recently reached a settlement in a grievance involving intellectual property. Full details of this settlement can be found in the Association's April 23, 2007 memo to Members which can now be found on the Association's website (www.upeifa.org).

This settlement required the Employer to provide the Association with a list of all third-party research contracts and grants, and those Members involved in each, for the period March 12, 2004 to April 9, 2007 where intellectual property is declared by the University to be owned either 1) entirely by the University or jointly by the University and one or more third parties or 2) entirely by one or more third parties.

In these cases, the ownership declared by the University conflicts with the Members' intellectual property ownership rights under the Collective Agreement. The grievance settlement requires the Association to discuss this matter with those Members identified to assess the appropriateness of the University's declaration of the ownership as indicated in its agreement with any third parties. To this end, the Association is now in the process of contacting those Members affected by this settlement.

If you are not contacted directly by the Association over the next few days in regards to this matter and you believe that you hold third-party research contracts and/or grants which fit the above description, please contact Susan Gallant in the Association office ASAP.