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Subject: Obtaining copyright of certain valuable Intellectual Properties

Dear all,

SVKM Management gives the highest importance to the creation and protection of Intellectual Properties by our faculty and students. The important aspect of Intellectual Properties in higher education set up like ours relates to the publication of well-researched books, journals, valuable customized unique softwares and processes. The management has noted that many of these Intellectual Properties have not been protected under the law. While we have made fairly substantial progress in the domain of patents, trademarks, designs, etc., Intellectual Properties which may not come under these categories but are copyrightable can be protected under the copyright act. These guidelines relate to obtaining copyrights in respect of such Intellectual Properties created by our researchers and technical users.

Provisions for copyright acts are very wide. On analysing the possible copyrightable Intellectual Properties created in our Institutions, to begin with, we will focus on the following categories of copyrightable Intellectual Properties.

1. Books:

It is noticed that our faculty often engages in writing valuable books or book chapters. They are published many times by highly reputed publishers. The copyright of such books will be valuable and the copyrightability should be scrutinized with reference to the following:

Intellectual value: the subject matter in the book should reflect depth, originality and academic merit.

Reputed publishers should be willing to publish the book.

If the faculty considers the book valuable and copyrightable, they should negotiate with the publisher regarding the ownership of the copyright. If any substantial resources of SVKM were used in developing the book, the copyright should normally rest with SVKM.

The above also applies for journal publications.

2. Novel courses/programs developed:

Many a times, novel and unique courses/programs are developed along with the detailed syllabi. Depending on the novelty and the originality of the programs and their long durability, such programs/courses can be copyrightable and copyright may be obtained for such unique courses/programs.

3. Innovative software applications using IT platforms:

Using IT platforms like SAP, Oracle, etc., applications have been developed for being used in various academic processes. These may include, for example, online admission module, placement module in SAP, performance management module in Oracle, dashboards developed on various platforms, question banks, website, etc. The copyrightability of these IT/software-related products and processes will need careful examination. The initiative for identifying such products and getting them examined administratively and legally will have to be considered.

SVKM Management feels that a beginning should be made to identify copyrightable books, journals, novel courses/programs and innovative software applications. The creators and the leaders who have contributed in creating these Intellectual Properties are expected to examine these products carefully at their levels with reference to the following:

- (a) Originality
- (b) being free from plagiarism
- (c) long-term durability of the product, etc.

On satisfactory outcome, a proposal should be made for obtaining copyrights to the Central Intellectual Properties cell. The Central Intellectual Properties cell will further scrutinize, examine and take the proposal ahead in close collaboration with and help of the Initiator/Creator of the Intellectual Properties.

Please submit all proposals and queries to Ms Hasti Chandarana – IPR Executive, SVKM IPR Cell at hasti.chandarana@svkm.ac.in.

Regards,

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