

Guide to the Records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Committee on Patent Policy and the Patent Management Committee, 1931-1968 AC.0064

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Summary Information

Repository	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections
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Historical note

A Committee on Patent Policy of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was first discussed in an April 15, 1932, statement to the staff of the Institute. Members of the committee were appointed September 7, 1932. The committee addressed questions of inventor ownership and equity for inventors. During World War II, as research increased and more patent issues arose with government and industrial contracts, the Patent Committee, which was composed of faculty members, recommended the creation of an administrative unit to handle business and legal issues. Following that recommendation, the Patent Management Committee was established on December 10, 1942.

The Technology Licensing Office currently administers patents and licensing at MIT.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

This collection contains minutes, correspondence, and agendas of meetings (1931-1960) of the Patent Policy Committee of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It also includes minutes, correspondence, and memoranda of meetings of the Patent Management Committee from its founding in 1942 until 1968. Also included are minutes of joint meetings of the Patent Committee and the Patent Management Committee.

Administrative Information

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Related Materials

Related materials in the Institute Archives and Special Collections

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Technology Licensing Office Records, 1982-2003 (AC 558)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Technology Licensing Office Records, 1999-ongoing (AC 503)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Patent, Copyright, and Licensing Office records, 1930-1979 (AC 67)

Fishman, Elliot A. *MIT Patent Policy, 1932-1946: Historical Precedents in University-Industry Technology Transfer*, 1996. [T171.M4199.F57 1996a](#)

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Committee on Patent Policy
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Patent Management Committee

Genre(s)

- Patents.

Subject(s)

- Inventions.
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology--History.

Collection Inventory

	Box
Patent Committee (official record) 1932-1960	1
Patent Committee (unofficial record) 1931-1943	1
Patent Management Committee (official record) 1942-1968	2
Patent Management Committee (unofficial record) 1943-1946	2