**Declaration of Intellectual Property Rights**

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth has entered into agreements with certain companies, wherein these companies provide a grant to UMass Dartmouth and in return students enrolled in Senior Design 1 and Senior Design 2 will work on an engineering project for the company.

Certain of these companies may assert claims on the intellectual property produced during this work. Intellectual property is any work or invention that is the result of creativity, such as an algorithm, a design, or a process to which one has rights and for which one may apply for a patent, copyright, trademark, etc.

Typically, companies assert claims to intellectual property produced by their employees. Because you are not an employee of UMass Dartmouth, and unless you are employed by the company, you own the intellectual property produced as a result of your creative efforts unless the sponsoring company asserts an IP claim.

Therefore, you have the right to waive or assert your rights to intellectual property produced as a result of your creative efforts in Senior Design 1 and Senior Design 2. If you choose to retain or assert your rights, you will be assigned to a project that is not asserting claims on your intellectual property.

\_\_\_\_\_ I choose to waive my intellectual property rights, if requested, and I am willing to be considered for any project submitted. If the host company decides to patent the work, then I will assign to that company ownership of the intellectual property.

\_\_\_\_\_ I choose to retain or assert my intellectual property rights, and I am willing to only be considered for projects that are not asserting intellectual property claims.

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