ITEM 169-2004-R1115

Request for Authorization of University System/Employee Intellectual Property Joint Participation under MUSP 407- Nicolas Yunes; Montana State University

THAT
The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves Montana State University employee Nicolas Yunes to participate and support licensee Mariana Goldman & Asociados in transferring “Celebrating Einstein” modules for production in Latin and South America.

EXPLANATION
Nicolas Yunes is an Assistant Professor in the Physics Department at MSU. He seeks approval to serve as the MSU Director of “Celebrating Einstein,” a set of modular outreach products designed to communicate the beauty and significance of Einstein’s theory of General Relativity and to participate and support Mariana Goldman & Asociados in producing Celebrating Einstein events in Latin and South America. Dr. Yunes is a developer of the copyrighted material, and he will provide support and guidance as a representative of MSU to the current and future licensees. He may be paid honorariums for speaking at hosted events and receive sponsored travel.

Under Policy 407 and MCA 20-25-109, university employees must have board approval to participate in a business entity which has an agreement with, or share ownership of intellectual property with, the university, relating to the development, licensing or commercial exploitation of that intellectual property. All License Agreements (and possible future licenses as provided for by Option Agreements) issued by the MSU Technology Transfer Office are contingent upon BOR 407 approval.

MSU and MUS will benefit from this approval, including the opportunity to forge new relationships with other universities and educational groups in other countries, as well as to fulfill our land grant mission to educate students, create knowledge and art, and serves communities by integrating learning, discovery and engagement.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment #1: Submission Form