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**Research Roundtable Summary**

Session Title: HIGHER EDUCATION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND  
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

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**Other Collaborators:**

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Representatives from China: State Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Yunnan University, Xian Jiaotong University.

**Session Summary (include summary of field of research):**

The session was preceded by two weeks of university and government visits sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs through a grant for “Exchange on IP Rights and University Technology Transfer for Higher Education Policymakers.” The project was designed to promote discussions on IP rights through university-spawned technology and commercialization. The TAMU sponsored RRT served as a capstone meeting of the principle university and government representatives to evaluate the feasibility of a new consortium model of co- development of pre-competitive university technologies. The group discussed the idea in light of policy-legal, professional-practical and scientific parameters.

**Findings/Recommendations:**

The model is feasible and a precedent exists at Tsinghua. Universities on both sides agreed to continue to develop the model.

**Future Collaborations and Justification:**

A small group of venture capitalists and university representatives plan to visit China after investigating technology portfolios for complementarities.

**Other Information:**

Possibility of additional grant funding from ECA, Dept. of State (announcement pending).