Intellectual property ownership and the rights associated with it are concepts defined by law. The College encourages the treatment of intellectual property in ways beneficial to the creators of such works, as well as the College and the public. It is the purpose of this policy to encourage, support, and recognize creative research and scholarship as well as the rights and interests of intellectual property creators, the College, and the public.

Intellectual property can take a variety of forms including patents, copyrights, and trademarks. Unless superseded through negotiated language between the College and a Board of Trustees’ recognized bargaining unit, it is the policy of the Board that intellectual property will be owned by the College when it is developed by faculty, students, staff, and employees using College funds or resources, or pursuant to a sponsored research agreement.

All inventions, tangible research results, and artistic, literary, and technological works developed by creators while employed at or enrolled in the College, or while utilizing College resources, are subject to this policy and to the state and federal laws governing intellectual property.

The President will have administrative procedures developed for implementation of this policy and to delineate any exceptions.

References:

Rowan College of South Jersey Administrative Procedure, 3203 Intellectual Property
