

The Office of Technology Transfer and Licensing (OTTL) hosted their first ever Technology Commercialization Symposium on November 10th, 2016. Members of the Vice Provost Office for Research, faculty, staff, graduate students, alumni, and friends of Boston College were invited to hear keynote speaker, Lita Nelsen. Ms. Nelsen is a technology transfer pioneer and retired Director of Technology Transfer at MIT. Her extensive knowledge and experience in the field led to a very informative presentation on technology transfer and entrepreneurship.



(Keynote Speaker, Lita Nelsen)

An interactive panel discussion followed the keynote presentation. The invited panel was made up of individuals who represent different aspects of the technology transfer process. Anil Achyuta, Director of Advanced Research at L'Oreal, Stas Gayshan, Managing Director at the Cambridge Innovation Center, Doreen Hogle, patent attorney at HoustonHogle, LLP, and Edith Mathiowitz, Professor of Engineering and Medical Science at Brown University.

A networking lunch was provided after the panel discussion. Attendees were given an opportunity to connect with an experienced patent attorney, a top industry collaborator/investor, a

startup incubator manager, and a successful academic entrepreneur. All panel members are considered experts in their field, and Boston College was privileged to have them join this event.

The event shined a positive light on the Office of Technology Transfer and Licensing, and what they do. Located in the Waul House at Boston College, the OTTL is a resource that members of the BC community should seek to utilize. The mission of the department is to assist faculty and students in moving innovative ideas from the university to the marketplace for the benefit of society.



(Lita Nelsen and Jason Wen, Director of Technology Transfer and Licensing at Boston College)

The symposium was considered a great success and the OTTL looks forward to hosting more events in the years to come.