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ABSTRACT

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The external circumstances for universities have been changing rapidly. In order to be competitive, survive, and flourish, universities have shown a growing enthusiasm to generate financial revenues externally. The literature refers to this phenomenon as academic capitalism, defined as the involvement of colleges and faculties in market-like behaviors, which has become a key feature of higher education finances in most countries. As a result, technology transfer, technology commercialization, and patents awarded via industry-university collaboration represent a source of financial rewards. This paper explores the determinants of financial rewards of universities sources from industry-university collaboration in South Korea. We find that among the determinants of financial performances, technology transfer per employee working at technology licensing offices, participation of engineering faculty, patent approvals, the volume of research funds, the number of employees, and firms in incubators within universities turn out to be significant contributors to externally sourced university revenues. Technology commercialization using technology transfer and incentive rules for developers are not statistically significant. In the light of these findings, it appears that an industry-university cooperation foundation program is likely to play a strong role in private university finances in Korea.

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1. Introduction

Promoting the industry-university collaboration is a major policy priority in Korea. The motive behind such policy initiative is to make the nation's system of innovation as well as the financial reward condition for the universities more dynamic. Though industry-university collaboration has various facets, the financial rewards are crucial considering the entrepreneurial university is pursuing profitability by using product of knowledge, technology innovation, and collaboration with industry (Slaughter and Leslie, 1997; Slaughter and Rhoades, 2004; Rhoades and Slaughter, 2004; Clarks, 1998; Washburn, 2005; Geiger, 2004; Geiger and Creso, 2005; and Hayrinen-Alestalo and Peltola, 2006; Naido, 2005).

When it comes to the university's role, it is primarily teaching and conducting basic research that dominate and are given the highest priority, but currently university entrepreneurship (Clark, 1998; Sporn, 2001; Etzkowitz et al., 2000; Etzkowitz, 2004; Bercowitz and Feldman 2006; Wong, 2007; Rothaermal, Agung and Jiang, 2007) is also increasingly the focus of attention. Not surprisingly, university actions such as technology transfer and commercialization have been much studied in recent years, because those are the mechanism for earning financial rewards as well as economic growth in the US education system (Vallas and Kleinman, 2008; Wayne, 2010).

Most universities in Korea have *Industry-University Cooperation Foundation* (hereafter IUCF) since the *Industry-University Collaboration law* of 2003 (hereafter IUC law) was introduced by the Korean government in 2003. Subsequently, promoting industry-university collaboration (hereafter IUC) activities has become a major public policy in Korea as demonstrated by a series of legislative actions, such as the 2008 revised IUC law which permits universities to establish a holding company.

The IUC law dramatically changed the incentive system for universities. Prior to the setup of IUCF, Korean universities were not only inactive in pursuing their own revenues but also did not have the status of legal persons who are in charge of it and therefore could not claim direct incomes. Thus, Korean universities have been able to generate financial revenues via IUC activities under IUC law. IUC law in Korea is similar to the Bayh-Dole Act in the United States.

This paper explores the determinants of financial reward of Korean universities through IUC activities including university features and external conditions. Unlike previous literature regarding performance mainly induced by IUC activities, the reason we use many variables including university features and external conditions is that IUC activities take place with a variety of aspects.

Pressured from the rapidly changing external circumstances, universities have shown a growing enthusiasm to generate financial revenues externally in order to survive. Thus, this paper focuses on commercial output factors contributing to the creation of income of universities in Korea. In order to achieve the aims, in the empirical part of this research, data containing the performance of 139 universities during 2008-2010 in Korea are utilized. Few previous studies have dealt with financial revenues obtained via industry-university collaboration, while numerous papers have dealt with performance of IUC activities such as the number of technology transfer, patents, and start-ups. In this respect, it is meaningful to find determinants about the university behaviors which are aimed to acquire financial revenue.

This paper is structured as follows. Section 2 presents review of literature on university revenue generated from external collaborative activities in general and in Korea in particular. Section 3 describes the data set used in the empirical part of this

study. Section 4 introduces the model used and explains the regression results from determinants of university revenues. In the final section, the results are summarized and a conclusion and discussion of the role of the university is provided.

2. Literature Review and Research Hypothesis

The university's role by tradition is primarily teaching and research, which are given the highest priority. However, increased competition and limited financial resources have led to the development of university entrepreneurship. This issue is discussed in Slaughter and Leslies (1997) and Slaughter and Rhoades (2004). A number of other studies also discuss university entrepreneurship (Clark, 1998; Sporn, 2001; Etzkowitz et al., 2000; Etzkowitz, 2004; Bercowitz and Feldman 2006; Wong, 2007; Rothaermal, Agung and Jiang, 2007). Slaughter and Rhoades (2004) contend that securing external finances is critical for university survival in order to respond to the new economic and changed environment. Appendix A presents research conducted to investigate the effects of factors and policy instruments such as subsidies, research policy, intellectual property, and industry-university collaboration.

When it comes to entrepreneurial universities, American universities have been involved in entrepreneurship dating back to the Bayh-Dole Act of 1980, which allowed the ownership of patents generated by use of Federal Research Funds (Rothaermal, Agung and Jiang, 2007). The goal of the Bayh-Dole Act was to facilitate the commercialization of university technology (Kenney and Patton, 2009; Shane, 2004). According to the findings from Taylor et al. (2011), entrepreneurship has been robust and prevalent in the Bayh-Dole era. Clearly, the Federal government expects universities to pursue more collaborative research with industry and conduct more commercialization than ever before. The development can be considered government wishes to foster various activities of university-industry collaboration. The objective is that universities can directly earn revenues using their own resources, such as patents, technology licensing, and facilities as well as research and development collaborations.

Etzkowitz (2003) stated that in order to be an entrepreneur a university has to have a considerable degree of independence from the state and industry, but also a high degree of interaction with institutions' various spheres. University research groups, so-called academic research and start-ups, have a common focus on rewards of recognition and finance (Etzkowitz, 2003). Licensing, joint ventures, marketing, and sales of products provide ways of and encourage disseminating knowledge to regions above and beyond the traditional means of academic dissemination. Slaughter and Rhoades (2004) emphasize that public colleges and universities faced with a major loss in state support are seeking to sell a wide range of products coming from university resources commercially as a basic source of income.

The most galvanizing event affecting industry-university collaboration, for instance, was the technology transfer of the Bayh-Dole Act of 1980. The Bayh-Dole Act dramatically changed the incentive system for universities (Clayton-Mathews, 2001). After that, universities became interested in commercialization using internal resources. Managerially, important performance factors of IUC activities include personal evaluation institutions and reward systems (Siegel et al, 2003a and 2003b). Joshua and Patricia (2005) showed that there is a positive relationship between performance and age of Technology Transfer Organization (TTO) and between performance and the number of distinguished engineering faculty members, respectively.

Universities seek research funds, star faculty members, top quality student and outcomes, at least among institutions competing to advance their reputations for excellence. Thus, while a university may hate characterizing itself as being part of a market or in competition just as for-profit firms, the reality is that the environment has become increasingly competitive and market-like (Zemsky et al., 1997). A comprehensive review of the previous research regarding performance of industry-university collaboration is summarized in Appendix B.

Kwon and Han (2009) conducted research in regard to performance from IUC activities in Korea. They suggested 7 hypotheses linked with performance of universities including (1) the age of the university; (2) the institutional ownership differences of the university; (3) scales of the university; (4) location of the university; (5) specialties such as the research-driven university; (6) amount of research funds; (7) the number of institutions offering research funds. All of these hypotheses had a positive effect on performances. Hypothesis and were verified by using regression and a survey of 169 universities in Korea.

According to the findings, Kwon and Han (2009) showed that public universities have made more revenues through the number of technology transfers and the amount of technology licensing fees than those of private universities. Also in this article, it is shown that other factors such as the age of universities, size of universities (e.g. number of departments or faculties), and location of university are not related statistically to performances of IUC activities. In terms of research funding, funds coming from industry have positive effects on performances while public funds do not affect their performance.

Power (2003) showed that the volume of research fund including both public and private has positive correlation for patent products in United States. However, it is not related to revenue through the licensing. Also, Power (2003) showed that the more distinguished faculty members a university has, the more patents licensing will it generate.

According to the white paper released (KRF, 2012), the number of technology licensing offices (TLOs) increased rapidly over time (see Kim, 2005). There are numerous empirical studies regarding performance of IUC activities such as technology transfer, patents, and spin-offs while there are few studies on determinants of revenue from IUC activities in Korea as well as other countries. Considering IUC activities with a variety of aspects and from reviewing previous literature, this study sets up 3 hypotheses outlined below. Appendix Figure 1 shows the research model.

Hypothesis 1: University features are related with revenues generated via industry-university collaboration.

H1a: School entity is related with revenues generated via industry-university collaboration.
H1b: School scale (number of faculty members, students, graduate students, staffs, departments) is related with revenues.
H1c: School location is related with revenues generated via industry-university collaboration.
H1d: School characteristics (uniqueness, specialty, number of natural and engineering faculty members, and number of distinguished scholars) are related with revenues generated via industry-university collaboration.

Kim and Lee (2007) analyze the relationships between performance of IUC activities and university competency factors such as research competency and managerial competency through multivariate regression analysis exploring other research questions. According to the findings, research competency such as the number of SCIE papers and patent registrations were significant, but managerial competency such as the scale of technology transfer organization and the number of specialists was not statistically significant. Kim and Lee's findings showed the different results from Kwon and Han's (2009) findings regarding research competency variables such as the number of SCIE papers. Comparing the findings from two studies, by Kim and Lee (2007) and Kwon and Han (2009), the number of SCIE papers is a significant predictor in the former but not in the latter.

Regarding the operation of universities, Byun (2004) showed that research-driven universities created more results than those of educationally-driven universities in terms of the number of papers, technology transfers, and income from technology licensing offices. Audretsch (2007) indicates a highly educated workforce that is capable of creating and moving innovative technologies into the marketplace is a critical component of the current entrepreneurial university.

When looking at the current categories and forms of IUC activities in Korea, there have been many activities including mobility of workforce such as internships, graduate placements, and temporary exchange of personnel. Other key activities include; 1) publications such as co-authorship; 2) cooperation in R&D activities such as establishment of research divisions, joint R&D projects, supervision of a trainee or Ph.D. students, sponsoring of research; and participation in conference and networks; 3) sharing of facilities such as shared laboratories, joint use of machines, public location of buildings, and purchasing of prototypes; 4) cooperation in education, such as contract education or training, working students, influencing curricula of university programs, providing scholarships, and sponsoring of education; 5) formal contract research and advising, such as contract-based research and contract-based consultancy; 6) intellectual property rights, such as patents, co-patenting, licensing of university-held patents, copyright and other forms of intellectual property; 7) spin-offs and entrepreneurship, start-ups, incubators at universities, and stimulating entrepreneurship.

According to a white paper containing IUC activities released in 2012, the number of staff members in industry-university cooperation foundations is likely to increase more than that of university staff members. These meaningful changes show the evidence that the authority of universities is more interested in fostering the industry-university cooperation foundation than it has been in the past. Looking at the revenue structure for 139 universities, there were a number of income items, which are critical for evaluation and performance of IUCF.

The second set of hypotheses is related to revenues from IUCF performance, rules, and workforce. The research capacity is outlined as follows.

Hypothesis 2: IUCF function is related with revenues generated via industry-university collaboration.
H2a: IUCF performances (volume of profit of technology transfer, technology commercialization, number of published papers, patent approvals and SCI papers) are related with revenues via industry-university collaboration.
H2b: Rules in IUCF (incentive system for right of ownership, reward for inventor) are

related with revenue from industry-university collaboration.

H2c: Research capacity (number of technology transfers, research funds from industry, number of firms at technology incubators, firms governed by universities) is related with revenues from industry-university collaboration.

H2d: Workforce in IUCF (number of staff TTO members, distinguished faculty members, and faculty members with firm experience) is related with revenues from industry-university collaboration.

When large a number of firms are located near the university, collaboration between university and enterprises more easily takes place (Han, 2006). The purpose of clustering policies being operated since the 1990s in Korea is to enhance industry-university collaboration. The agglomeration has a positive relationship between universities and industries. Friedman and Silberman (2003) showed that the degree of proximity of high-tech firms near schools has a positive effect on technology transfer. Geographical location of university also has a positive relation with knowledge spillover (Jaffe et al., 1993). Audretsch and Feldman (1996) asserted that research productivity is inclined to increase in more agglomerated regions. According to Agrawal (2000), the distance from MIT has propensity towards successful technology transfer and technology commercialization. Kwon and Han (2009) showed that universities located in rural areas in Korea have higher performance than universities located in urban areas in terms of technology transfer. Thursby and Thursby (2002) showed that relationship with external firms is affected by their performance.

The third set of hypotheses on the relationship between external conditions and university revenues is formulated as follows.

Hypothesis 3: External condition is related with revenues generated from industry-university collaboration.

H3a: The number of venture firms located near universities is related with revenues from industry-university collaboration.

H3b: The number of enterprises located near universities is related with revenues from industry-university collaboration.

H3c: The total product volume of firms is related with revenues from industry-university collaboration.

H3d: The amount of public research funds received is related with revenues from industry-university collaboration.

3. Descriptions of Data and Estimation Procedures

In this study, different datasets collected from 2008-2010 by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Korea Education Development Institute, Korea Foundation for the Promotion of Private Schools, and National Research Foundation of Korea were used for econometric analysis. Data were selected from 139 of 148 universities that have been running the IUCF. The assembled dataset was composed of 38 variables which could be related to university revenues.

For a matter of sensitivity analysis of the results, both full and reduced model specifications are used and tested to specify a suitable model to determine university revenues. Multivariate regression analysis was used for estimation using the OLS method with robust standard errors.

As of 2010, the total university revenue from the results of activities of IUCFs was 1 trillion won. Considering average revenue, each IUCF received 22.8 billion won, of which IUCF's revenue is 6.8 billion won. When looking over the structure of revenues, we note that revenue obtained through co-research is 851.4 billion won, while revenue sourced from original educational operations is 52.4 billion won. Other revenue source such as other informal contacts is estimated to reach 48.4 billion won. Revenue obtained through intellectual property rights and technology licensing is 30.9 billion won, and revenue obtained through using facilities such as sharing laboratories is 19.7 billion won. These make up the first through fifth highest levels, respectively. As collaborative relations between universities and industries deepen, we can find that financial rewards obtained via IUC activities increase. Appendix C presents all the variables used in our econometric model.

In spite of the short history related to external financial activities, 139 universities have facilitated IUC activities eagerly. Regarding the ownership of universities, 28 (20.0%) of 139 universities are national or regional universities. More than 79 universities are private universities. In Korea, age of universities, number of graduate students and distinguished scholars are important factors determining the flow of external revenues for research-driven universities. When it comes to location of universities, 50 (36.0%) universities are located in Seoul or the Kyunggi region. In fact, location of university has been considered a critical factor for development of universities in Korea.

Seventy-nine universities (57.0%) have less than 5 technology commercialization through technology transfer. The data summary showed that more than half of universities 54 (38.8%) have had no successful commercialization in the previous 3 years. When looking over the number of technology transfers per staff members working at TLO, 60 (43.2%) universities have no results per staff member. The number of universities with a technology transfer division is 107 (77%). From the data, it is evident that more than 77% of universities have been conducting technology transfer. Distinguished scholar is defined as those who are enrolled at Marquis Who's Who are used. As human resources, the number of faculty members, the number of undergraduate and graduate students, staff members, and internship students are used. The dispersion is very wide. Total research fund, and subsidy volume are wide. The number of faculty members belonging to natural and engineering department, undergraduate students, graduate students, and distinguished scholars differs also depending on school age.

In regards to the number of faculty members we notice a large gap (from 24 to 2,025). The number of domestic patents ranges from 55 to 743 while the number of patents registered at foreign countries ranges from 1.27 to 51.7. Considering these statistics, patent activities are produced domestically rather than those produced in foreign countries. There are big differences regarding research funding, which may lead to the research activities gap that is widening among universities.

The total space size of laboratories is also interesting to this study. The reason this variable is considered is that the total size of laboratories stands for capacity and competency regarding R&D activities and their outcomes.

Considering geographical environment of IUC activities, the total sale and total product of regional firms are used. With regard to the IUC activity capabilities, the number of venture firms, technology incubators, technology transfer divisions, and the total size of laboratories are used. With regard to university policy capability, school

rule for ownership rights for inventors, and reward incentives, rules are used. The Korean government also strongly facilitates rules in order to boost the invention of new technologies. As performance of industry-university cooperation capabilities, total sale of a university's firms, the number of technology commercialization, the number of technology transfers, the number of domestic and foreign patent approvals, and publications are used. As a dependent variable, revenue, (defined as total income from all kinds of IUC activities over 3 years) is used.

The original 44 variables are reduced to 21 variables in order to estimate and analyze the data effectively. For instance, to define the variable patents, the number of applications and approvals are merged into one. Some of these variables are university specific such as human resources, facilities, research funds, and rules, while others are location specific such as regional firms. Numerous combinations of variables are used in order to obtain the best set of variables that explains variations in the dependent variable regarding financing results, as well as accounts for the heterogeneity of the universities in our model specification.

The correlation matrix of dependent and independent variables (not reported here) showed that with the exception of some variables, the correlation between the independent variables is not so high, suggesting that multicollinearity is not a serious problem. The high correlation between revenue and the number of patent applications including those registered at foreign countries, the amount of total research funds, which represent the size of universities indicates that larger universities have a larger number of faculty members and experts. Given the high correlation between these two variables, one of them could be deleted; however, the number of workforces determines the size of a university. As the amount of total research funds could be determined by the number of faculty members and experts, the size of university or age of university are highly and strongly related to revenue than others factors.

Summary statistics of the data are reported in Table 1. There is evidence of a large dispersion in revenues and its explanatory variables among the universities. The large dispersion and the significant t-values are in support of large heterogeneity among the universities.

Table 1: Summary statistics of the data, period 2010-2011, N=139 universities.

Variable	Definition of variables	Mean	Std Dev	t-value
Revenue	Amount of revenue through university-industry collaboration	7271498.000	23349053.000	3.67
Specialty	If the number of graduate students is more than 10% of total enrollment numbers at school1	0.439	0.498	10.39
facueng	Number of faculty members in engineering departments	156.820.	139.900	13.22
undstud	Number of undergraduate students	9894.907	6362.971	18.33
Distisch	Number of distinguished scholars enrolled in Marquis Who's Who	18.568	26.624	8.22
Pappubl	Number of published papers including those published in foreign journals	113.995	148.510	9.05
Patappl	Number of patent applications including those registered in foreign countries	63.199	129.214	5.77
Resfund	Amount of total research funds	22708011.000	45361537.000	5.90
Placres	Total space volume for research activities (facilities)	86012.570	72720.040	13.94
Stafuni	Number of staffs at school	214.014	176.157	14.32
Uninfun	Amount of industry-university cooperation fund received by university and industry	3017228.000	6781986.000	5.25

Volsubs	Amount of total public funds received by government	41634145.000	73566382.000	6.67
Totsalr	Total sales of the firms owned by school	103091.200	85181.360	14.27
nstafuid	Number of staffs in industry-university cooperation foundation (IUCF)	17.7623	16.532	12.67
agetectr	Number of commercialization through technology transfer	3.633	3.264	13.12
nstafttd	Number of technology transfers per staff who are working at technology transfer division	1.358	1.818	8.81
techtdiv	Technology transfer division	0.338	0.475	8.40
Studint	Number of student participating in internships	213.374	626.757	4.01
Techtra	Number of technology transfer	8.197	12.725	7.59
Profttr	Amount of profits through technology transfer	164015.800	412185.900	4.69
Ntecincb	Number of firms within technology incubator at school	17.187	13.775	14.71

4. Results and Implications

This part explores the determinants of university revenue based on analysis of entrepreneurial university data. It should be noted that the dependent variables, revenue in regression analysis here, is taken from the National Research Foundation of Korea from 2008 to 2010, while independent variables are obtained from the Ministry of Education and Technology and Korea Foundation for Promotion of Private School from 2008 to 2010. Both sets are the most recent available data. Thus we can interpret the results as a relationship with 3-year lags. The regression results for different model specifications are reported in Table 2.

Table 2: OLS results of the general and reduced models, n=139 observations.

Variables	General Model				Reduced Model			
	Parameter Estimate	Robust Std Error	t-value	Pr > |t	Parameter Estimate	Robust Std Error	t-value	Pr > |t
Intercept	7.6291	5.8310	1.31	0.1937	4.9432	1.8042	2.74	0.0071
ownship	0.2201	0.6545	0.34	0.7373	-	-	-	-
locaton	-0.2917	0.3556	-0.82	0.4141	-	-	-	-
special	0.3904	0.2630	1.48	0.1409	0.3918	0.2237	1.75	0.0824
unique	-0.1800	0.2704	-0.67	0.5072	-	-	-	-
schoage	-0.0940	0.1563	-0.60	0.5488	-	-	-	-
lfaculty	-0.1283	0.3993	-0.32	0.7486	-	-	-	-
lfacueng	0.3694	0.1749	2.11	0.0371	0.3012	0.1513	1.99	0.0489
lgrastud	0.0114	0.0506	0.23	0.8217	-	-	-	-
lundstud	-0.5655	0.2895	-1.95	0.0536	-0.6351	0.2424	-2.62	0.0099
ldistsch	-0.3203	0.1548	-2.07	0.0411	-0.3023	0.1404	-2.15	0.0333
lpappubl	-0.2047	0.1823	-1.12	0.2642	-0.2881	0.1411	-2.04	0.0434
lpatappl	0.3824	0.1753	2.18	0.0315	0.4111	0.1386	2.97	0.0036
lpatappr	0.0750	0.1129	0.66	0.5081	-	-	-	-
lunibudg	-0.1142	0.4604	-0.25	0.8046	-	-	-	-
lresfund	0.3780	0.0756	5.00	0.0001	0.3874	0.0697	5.55	0.0001
lpriinst	-0.0005	0.0363	-0.01	0.9898	-	-	-	-
lplacres	0.4392	0.3035	1.45	0.1510	0.4094	0.2290	1.79	0.0765
lstafuni	0.4276	0.3211	1.33	0.1861	0.4185	0.2475	1.69	0.0935
lfexpfac	0.0024	0.0639	0.04	0.9701	-	-	-	-
luninfun	0.0382	0.0303	1.26	0.2103	0.0468	0.0273	1.71	0.0898
lvolsubs	-0.1563	0.0441	-3.54	0.0006	-0.1585	0.0380	-4.17	0.0001
lfirmreg	-0.0547	0.0881	-0.62	0.5357	-	-	-	-
ltotsalr	0.0048	0.0520	0.09	0.9261	-	-	-	-
ltotprod	0.2278	0.1621	1.41	0.1629	0.2837	0.0820	3.46	0.0008
nstafuid	0.0093	0.0062	1.50	0.1379	0.0084	0.0064	1.32	0.1883
agetectr	0.0416	0.0312	1.33	0.1859	0.0301	0.0319	0.94	0.3472

nstafttd	0.1133	0.0541	2.10	0.0385	0.1340	0.0525	2.55	0.0120
rulerown	0.2211	0.3297	0.67	0.5040	-	-	-	-
rulerinv	-0.0124	0.2705	-0.05	0.9636	-	-	-	-
rulerett	-0.2117	0.1908	-1.11	0.2698	-	-	-	-
techtdiv	-0.2056	0.2045	-1.00	0.3173	-0.2515	0.1880	-1.34	0.1836
lstudint	0.0581	0.0378	1.54	0.1277	0.0501	0.0360	1.39	0.1674
ltechtra	-0.1396	0.1103	-1.27	0.2086	-0.1608	0.1062	-1.51	0.1327
lprofttr	-0.0381	0.0250	-1.52	0.1312	-0.0357	0.0229	-1.56	0.1215
lvenfirm	0.0134	0.1038	0.13	0.8974	-	-	-	-
ltotsals	-0.0099	0.0146	-0.68	0.4967	-	-	-	-
nschfirm	-0.0483	0.0756	-0.64	0.5243	-	-	-	-
ntecincb	0.0176	0.0063	2.80	0.0061	0.0172	0.0061	2.83	0.0054
RMSE	0.9873				0.9254			
R2 adjusted	0.6860				0.7241			

Two models are estimated: a general model and a reduced counterpart. The reduced model differs from the general by most insignificant variables being restricted to have zero effects. Thus, the full set of variables, 38 in number previously presented, are also utilized for analysis in the general model specification. Table 5 presents the estimation results from the two nested models examining the determinants of university revenues by utilizing IUCF. It is a fact that only 10 variables are statistically significant among 38 variables at the 5% level of significance and another 4 at the 10% level in the restricted model. The main findings are described as follows.

The university features must first be considered. According to Table 2, the number of faculty members with specialty in engineering departments is related to the determinant of revenue as several previous studies forecasted (Kwon and Han, 2009). In fact, faculty members at engineering departments have mainly participated in IUC activities rather than other departments.

Interestingly, hypothesis 1a is rejected statistically. This result is quite a difference from findings (Kwon and Han, 2009) which suggested that public universities have higher performances than those of private universities. This result informs that performances do not affect revenues statistically let alone university entities.

School scale (H1b) classified by the number of total faculty members, undergraduate students, graduate students, staffs, and departments is not statistically significant. This result differs from previous findings (O'Shea et al., 2005; Byun, 2004). These results mean that universities in Korea, regardless of scale and entity, have yet to be entrepreneurial universities.

School location (H1c) has no statistically significant relationship with revenue. This result differs from findings (Kwon and Han, 2009) that universities located in rural regions have higher performance than universities in urban areas.

From the results regarding school characteristics (H1d), we find that the number of distinguished scholars is negatively affecting financial results. This finding differs from previous results (Power, 2003; Power and McDougall, 2005; Joshua & Patricia, 2003); Jensen and Thursby, 2003. In this paper, the number of distinguished scholars is defined as faculty members who have been enrolled in Marquis Who's Who. They are faculty members who might be eager to research at high quality level academically rather empirically. Of course, they could be contributed to develop for academia, the so-called ivory tower, but this is another story regarding generating revenue. It can be assumed that their research activities are negatively affecting financial results.

When examining the analysis of IUCF performance, we find that patent approval (H2a) is statistically related to revenue as we had expected (Thursby and Thursby, 2002;

Kwon and Han, 2009; Kim and Lee, 2007; Sapsalis et al., 2006). Unlike what we expected, published papers are negatively significant. It can be assumed that Korean universities tend to do research focusing on academics rather than applied research intended to make revenue. Because in order to achieve academic research outputs, much research funding is needed.

Somewhat surprisingly, the rule for intellectual property rights rewards (H2b) from invention is shown to be statistically obscure. This result shows opposite findings compared with those of Byun (2004). Byun (2004) carried out research regarding incentive systems using survey methodology. What the opposite finding differs from Byun's research might be originated from methodology. Comparing with the history of entrepreneurial universities in United States, Korean universities have a relatively short experience. Korean universities have changed fast in the direction of entrepreneurial universities using IUCF.

When examining results of research capacity (H2c), we find that the number of technology transfers, research funds, and the number of firms at technology incubators are each statistically related to revenue. Recently, Korean universities have been trying to improve the IUC activities; for example, buildings designated as a center of IUCF, establishing technology incubator, or start-ups.

Hypothesis 2d is statistically insignificant except for the number of staffs at TTO (Thursby and Thursby, 2002). Productivity brought by workforces is very important for revenue.

From the raw data, in 2010, the number of patent applications, the number of staffs dealing with technology transfer increased more conspicuously than in previous years. Results have given interesting findings. Currently, most universities have been hiring faculty members who have work experience at enterprises as experts. The number of firms in technology incubators indicating firms pursuing their own profits which belong to universities is shown to be positive and statistically significant, which underscores the importance of the firm's activities to make money.

According to previous studies, the relation between universities and external conditions had a positive effect on performance (Jaffe et al., 1993; Joshua and Patricia, 2002; Thursby and Thursby, 2002; Friedman and Silberman, 2003). However, the hypotheses group 3, which are on the relation between university and firms located near schools, are statistically insignificant except for the total product volume of firms existing near the university (H3c).

Generally, universities may play an educational role as well as promote innovation activities at firms in the region. So, when a university is located in proximity to firms, collaboration activities such as knowledge spillover and technology transfer take place more easily. Moreover, if firm size and firm characteristics are appropriate to interaction, universities' contribution through IUC activities will be more fruitful. From these results, we can interpret that regional economic volumes created by firms can affect university revenue.

Another conspicuous finding is research funds received by the government. Public subsidies are found to have a statistically negative effect on revenue unlike several previous research findings (Foltz et al., 2000; Power, 2003; Power and McDougall, 2005; Kwon and Han, 2009). Kwon and Han (2009) found that the volume of research funds including central government subsidies is positively affecting the performance. Of course, this paper shows that the total volume of research funds received by industry and university itself is positively affecting financial results. From the above results, we

can conclude that even though government subsidies have an important role to increase research performance, they have not been related to revenue generation. On the flip side, it can be assumed that faculty members who have implemented research by using public subsidies cannot get directly involved in the research related to revenue generation because public subsidies have a clear goal such as development of future rudimentary technology.

5. Summary and Conclusion

Originally, universities pursued education, academic research or a combination of the two. IUCFs have been established since the enactment of the IUC law of 2003. In particular, universities have tried more intensively to pursue financial reward in earnest after the revised IUC law of 2008.

This study has utilized the National Research Foundation of Korea data and Ministry of Education and Technology and Korea Foundation for Promotion of Private School from 2008-2010 in analysis of financial rewards from university-industry research cooperation. In spite of the short period of IUCF, Korean universities have pursued entrepreneurial activities in a competitive educational market.

Synthesizing the findings, the establishment of industry-university cooperation foundation (IUCF) seems to be on the right track. However, it is bound to take a long time to adjust to the entrepreneurial university. The main findings are as follows.

Firstly, the number of technology transfers, the total research funds, and the number of faculty members in natural science and engineering are important determinants of revenue. This finding is the same as those advanced universities in United States. Typically, IUC activities have mainly occurred in engineering departments. However, regarding the determinant of the number of outstanding engineering faculty members, it is in contrast to the results from the United States, and reflects the latecomer entrepreneurial universities in Korea. Given the reverse results, we have found that practical research motives were more important for revenues.

Secondly, while the determinant of total research funds is a critical resource for revenue, research funds received from the government are negatively related to revenues. It is also interesting to note that while research funds received from the government in the short term are not directly bringing any revenue to each university, government subsidies are bringing benefits to university as return in the long term. In addition, the volume of research funds is very important for the revenue. But, the characteristics of research funds are important. In this paper, research funds sponsored by enterprises affect the revenue, whereas research funds received by the government are insignificant. In order to make a profit, the nature of the fund is very important.

Third, incentive rules for inventors or developers of the technology have a positive relation for revenue in United States, whereas any incentive rules for inventors or developers are insignificant at Korean universities. The results are conspicuously different. It is also implied that the incentive systems do not operate well due to lack of experience or beneficiaries did not report a positive result due to a short implementation period. It can be assumed that this originates from the early stages of entrepreneurial universities.

Unlike our expectations, commercialization of technology transfer, profit of technology transfer, and patents do not show effects on revenue. Interestingly, not profit of technology transfer but the number of technology transfers per staffs working at

TLO is significant. Despite the insignificant result here, other studies find that technology transfer and patents are critical determinants when it comes to entrepreneurial universities. Given the fact that Korea is a latecomer in this regard, the role of IUCF should be encouraged. As far as technology commercialization using patents is concerned, Korean universities are at an early stage assuming such activity.

Fourth, external conditions are also very important for revenue. From results, it is noted that firms without the firm size and firm specifics in proximity are good partners for revenue generation through exchange of technology and knowledge.

The contribution of this paper is that it is the first research on entrepreneurial universities supported by empirical evidence. In addition, this study covers all kinds of factors by categorizing variables such as university features, IUCF functions, and external conditions. Thus, this study is unique in treating such variables as determinants of revenue. Market economy in terms of utilizing the IUCF approach is useful in evaluating revenues of universities in developed countries such as the United States, a pioneer in operation of entrepreneurial universities.

This paper covers only a particular period between 2008 and 2010, whereas enactment of revised IUC law of 2008 has been in operation for a very short time. Therefore, there is a possibility that in this paper, policy effects might be not fully captured. Thus, it would be interesting to use updated data in future to verify if there would be any sign of improvement or maturation of revenue. Finally, several policy implications of the results must be discussed.

Firstly, while negative effects of distinguished faculty members in the regressions analysis is unexpected at first glance, it can be explained. It means simply that evaluation criteria for faculty member promotion have focused on the number of papers published. Distinguished scholars including general faculty members are inclined to write only academic papers rather than market-driven research. In that respect, thus, the findings endorse the elaboration of existing evaluation methods in order to pursue both academic study and market-driven research. In addition, when looking at the evaluation criterion before enactment *Law on industrial education and industry–university cooperation (IUC law)*, the total number of papers was considered in keeping a position for promotion. That variety of accreditation rules are established is important to increase financial results

Secondly, the incentive system in Korea has not been successful until now as in the United States. When making new rules, Korean universities should follow the guidelines of the government. The government should eliminate tied regulation through deregulations, so universities are to be more flexible and adaptable to new regulations.

Thirdly, when it comes to characteristics of government research funds, the government should provide instructions for use of research funds to enhance its productivity in terms of practical research at the university level as well as academic studies at the national level.

Finally, in order to increase revenue, the government should deregulate strict rules related with entrepreneurial universities. As the role of IUCF is critical for the generation of financial revenue over time, policy makers should take into consideration the introduction of new modes to further vitalize the IUCF.

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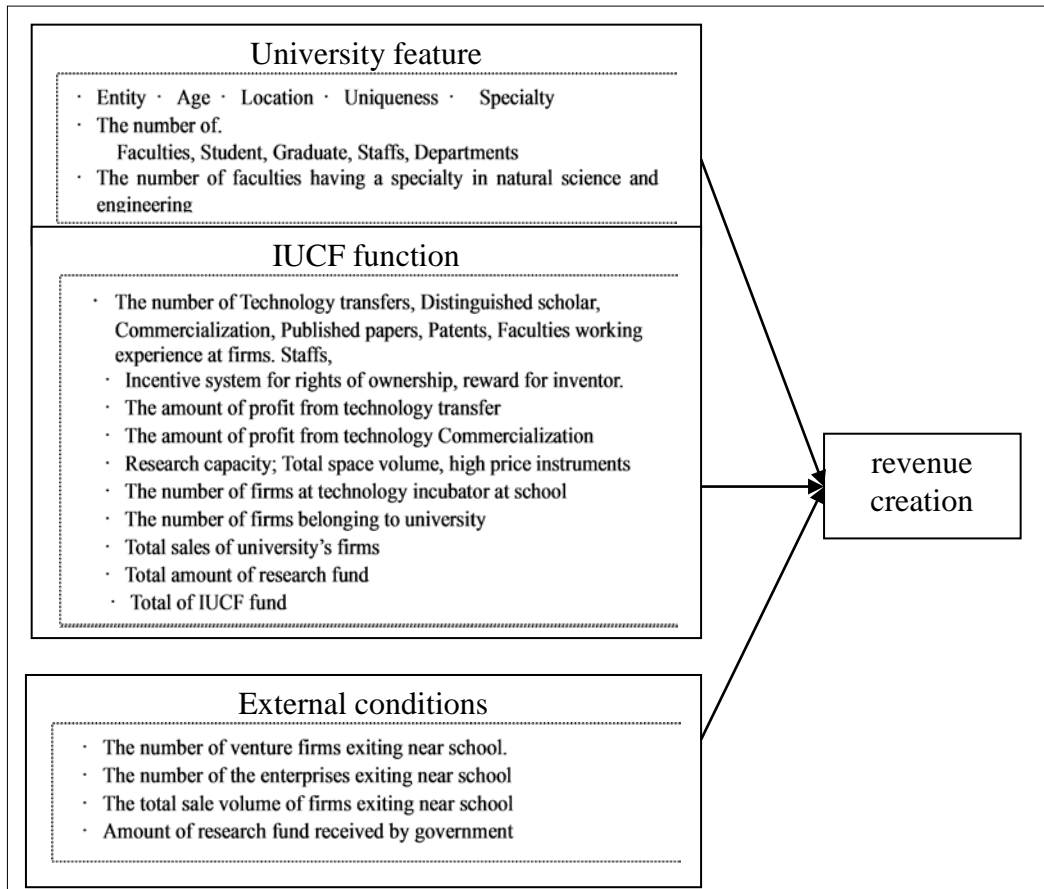
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University feature

- Entity · Age · Location · Uniqueness · Specialty
- The number of.
  Faculties, Student, Graduate, Staffs, Departments
- The number of faculties having a specialty in natural science and engineering

IUCF function

- The number of Technology transfers, Distinguished scholar, Commercialization, Published papers, Patents, Faculties working experience at firms. Staffs,
- Incentive system for rights of ownership, reward for inventor.
- The amount of profit from technology transfer
- The amount of profit from technology Commercialization
- Research capacity; Total space volume, high price instruments
- The number of firms at technology incubator at school
- The number of firms belonging to university
- Total sales of university's firms
- Total amount of research fund
- Total of IUCF fund

External conditions

- The number of venture firms exiting near school.
- The number of the enterprises exiting near school
- The total sale volume of firms exiting near school
- Amount of research fund received by government

revenue creation

Figure 1: An analytical framework of research

Appendix A: Policy instruments representing entrepreneurial university

Constitutes	Factors	Theoretical Research
Subsidies for universities	• Cut back operating cost of university • Designated research funds rather general Research funds • Selection and concentration subsidy accredited by Government	(Hanley, 2005; Naidoo, 2005; Slaughter and Leslies, 1997; Slaughter and Rhoades, 2004)
Research policies	• Facilitating applied research • Subsiding research areas which are directly related with nation innovation and development • Fostering research university	(Rhoades and Slaughter, 2006; Shane, 2004; Welsh et al. 2008; Slaughter and Leslies, 1997; Slaughter and Rhoades, 2004).
Intellectual property	• Handover of patent rights created by using government research fund to university	(Rhoades and Slaughter, 2006; Shane, 2004)
Industry-university collaboration	• Deregulation rules • Support university revenue using • Performance of university research • Facilitating the establishment of professional organization like technology transfer office • Establishing start-ups using research Performance at university • Boosting the co-research activities related with industrial demands	(Geiger, 2004; Geiger and Creso, 2005; Washburn, 2005; Hayrinen-Alestolo and Pelotas, 2006; Slaughter and Leslie, 1997; Slaughter and Leslies, 1997; Slaughter and Rhoades, 2004)

Appendix B: Previous research on performance of industry-university collaboration

Researcher	Methodology	Findings
O'Shea et al. (2005) Byun (2004)	Survey for 107 universities in Korea	•It shows that university scale, age of professional institutions, and incentive systems for technology developers have positive effects on revenue through industry-university collaboration.
Foltz et al. (2000)	Survey for bio-agricultural firms in United States	•Research funds received from federal government and university have positive effects on revenue, while research funds received from industries have no relation with performance.
Friedman and Silberman (2003), Jaffe et al. (1993)	Regression for 12 firms	•The degree of proximity of high-tech firms near school has positive effects on technology transfer. •Geographical location of universities has positive relation with knowledge spill over.
Kim (2005)	Survey for 54 universities and 79 firms in Korea	•Level of education of experts working at technology transfer office has a positive effect on revenue through industry-university collaboration •The number of patents has an effect on revenue through industry-university collaboration
Sapsalis et al. (2006)	Regression for 89 universities in United States.	•Scientific competency, the number of papers, and patents have a positive effect on revenue through industry-university collaboration.
Seo et al. (2005)	Descriptive	•University's own firms based on university's own technology and holding companies are related with revenue through industry-university collaboration.
Kwon and Han (2009)	Regression for 169 universities in Korea, Explorative	•Public universities have higher performances than those of private universities in terms of the number of technology transfers and the amount of technology licensing fees. •The characteristics of university such as age, size, number of departments, faculty members, students, and experts, the number of SCIE papers are not statistically related to performances. •Regional universities have higher performance than universities in urban areas in terms of technology transfer.
Kim and Lee (2007)	Regression 61 universities in Korea	•Research competency such as the number of SCIE papers and the number of patent registrations were significant, but managerial competency such as the scale of technology transfer organizations and the number of specialists was not statistically significant.
Power (2003)	Interview and Regression for 66	•Research funds including both public and private have a positive correlation with patent products. But this is

	enterprises and 312 university researchers.	not related to revenue through the licensing. •The more distinguished faculty member a university has, the more patents and licensing a university has.
Sigel et al. (2003a)	Interview and Regression for 98 people who are directly related to TTO in US	•Reward systems for interested persons have effects on performance.
Jenson and Thursby (2003)	Interview and Regression (2003)	•Reward system through technology transfer is directly related with performance.
Thursby and Thursby (2002)	Survey for 64 universities in US	•The number of faculty members, experts, and interested persons working at TTO's and relationship with external firms are related with performance. .
Joshua and Patricia (2003)	Regression for 108 universities in US	•Age of TTO, the number of outstanding engineering faculty members, and research funds received by external organizations have a positive relation with performance, respectively.

Appendix C: Summary and Definition of variables, period 2010-2011, N=139 universities

Variables	Description
School type	If a school is included private, then 1.
School age	If a school is less than 10year, then 1 If a school is 11 ≤ year <20, then 2. If a school is 21 ≤year <30, then 3. If a school is 31 ≤year <40, then 4.
Location	If school is located in Seoul and Kyunggi area, then 1.
Special	If the number of graduate students is more than 10% of total enrollment numbers, than 1.
Unique	If a school has more than 40% of faculty members having specialty in natural science or engineering, then 1.
Faculty	Total number of faculty members in a school
Facueng	Number of faculty members in engineering departments
Grastud	Number of graduate students in school
Undstud	Number of undergraduate students
Distisch	Number distinguished scholars enrolled Marquis Who's Who
Resfund	Amount of total research funds
Uninfun	Amount of industry-university cooperation funds received by university and industry
Volsubs	Amount of total public funds received by government
Placres	Total space volume for research activities
Totsalr	Total sales of firms located in nearby school
Stafuni	Number of staffs at school
Pappubl	Number of published papers including those published in foreign journals
Patappl	Number of patent applications including those registered in foreign countries
Patappr	Number of patent approvals
Priinst	Total price of laboratory instruments.
Fexpfac	Number of faculty members with working experience in firms
Firmreg	Number of firms located near schools
Totprod	Total product volume of firm existing near schools
Nstafuid	Number of staff in industry-university cooperation foundation (IUCF)
Agetectr	Number of commercialization through technology transfer
Unibudg	Total volume of university budget
Nstafttd	Number of technology transfer per staff who are working at technology transfer divisions
Nulerown	If a school has a rule for rights of ownership, then 1.
Nulerinv	If a school has a rule for rewards for inventor or developer, then 1.
Rulerett	If a school has rule for reward from technology transfer, then 1
Techtdiv	Technology transfer division
Studint	Number of students participating in internships.
Techtra	Number of technology transfers
Venfirm	Number of venture firms
Totsales	Total sales of the firms owned by school
Nschfirm	Number of firms belonging to university
Profttr	Amount of profits through technology transfer
Ntecincb	Number of firms within technology incubator at school
Revenue	Amount of revenue through university-industry collaboration