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Rationale

Information technology systems and electronic resources are provided with the understanding that the members of the Polytechnic community will use them with a sense of compliance / adherence to all applicable laws and regulations, mutual respect, cooperation and collaboration. These resources are finite, and must be shared with an understanding that with any established interconnection of electronic resources, the effect of one individual can have a dramatic effect on others within the network. As such, the use of the Polytechnic Institute of NYU network and electronic resources is a revocable privilege. All constituents will benefit if all users of the Polytechnic Institute of NYU electronic systems avoid any activities which cause problems for other users of the same systems. NYU-Poly reserves the right to monitor, limit, and restrict electronic messages, network/systems traffic, and the public or private information stored on computers owned, maintained, or managed by NYU-Poly. Computers not owned, maintained, or managed by NYU-Poly staff that abuse campus services may be denied access to campus resources. Email / voice mail, web pages, electronic data, and digital content are subject to archiving, monitoring, or review, and/or disclosure by other than the intended recipient.

To that end, Polytechnic Institute of NYU expects that all individuals including, but not limited to, Institution students, faculty, and staff, using its electronic resources will abide by the following policy statement

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All hardware, software, and related systems and services are provided by NYU-Poly for the sole purpose of enhancing and attaining the NYU-Poly mission statement as outlined in the Polytechnic Strategic Plan, the student handbook, the institute's Code of Conduct, and other code of ethics / responsibilities documents. Use of all Information Systems (IS) hardware, software, systems and services is intended to address and apply to subject matter directly related to NYU-Poly. Authorization is provided to faculty, staff, and students for use pertaining to their relationship with the Institution and/or it's affiliates. NYU-Poly expects all access to its systems to be authorized and pre-approved, and that users understand that laws currently exist that prohibit the following:

- Electronic libeling or defamation.
- Sending / Posting / Broadcasting messages that incite hate or discontent.
- Transmitting repeated unwanted advances.
- Falsifying information or impersonation.
- Unauthorized use, providing, or copying protected intellectual or copyrighted property.

Polytechnic Institute of NYU also states definitively that its network is a private network separate and distinct from the public Internet. As such, access and use must comply with all campus rules and regulations as well as compliance and adherence to all local, state, and federal laws. Examples of prohibited activities include but are not limited to:

- Posting or transmission of confidential or classified information.
- Use of offensive or discriminatory language.
- Transmission of graphic images, sounds or text that is sexual or offensive in nature.
- Sharing passwords with peers who do not own the account.
- Unauthorized use of other's passwords or accounts.
- Use of campus resources for personal profit or gain.
- Use of campus resources to harass, threaten, or otherwise invade the privacy of others.
- Initiate or forward email chain letters or messages.
- The installation or use of any servers on the network not expressly approved by Information Services or the Administration.
- Deliberate attempts to cause breaches of network, servers, telecommunications systems or security or to examine network traffic.
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- Initiation of activities that unduly consume computing or network resources.
- Leaving your computer unlocked and unsupervised for extended periods of time.
- Use of applications, for example P-2-P, to receive and/or distribute copyright materials, such as movies, music, and videos.

The Information Systems Department proactively monitors the network for activity which violates the Institution Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy. Failure to comply with the terms of this policy will be met with disciplinary or legal action in concert with the provisions as described in the Polytechnic Institute of NYU Code of Conduct, code of ethics, and student / employee handbooks or other Institution policy documents. Penalties for unacceptable use range from immediate deactivation of the account through appropriate Institution judicial or disciplinary action or referral to law enforcement authorities.