Appropriate Use of Information Technology Policy

I. POLICY STATEMENT

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II. POLICY PRINCIPLES

Auburn University grants permission to use IT resources to support the university's mission of Instruction, Research, and Outreach and the administrative functions of the university. Therefore, it is thidipalkieypityteit the interast scofit situhievessity fahd the curves by saturating nor legals is tentracithally exponsive Ineaddition, bescan sent and the interast scofit situhievessity of Tabeidge the arghstane decession results by for the university optimizes the fight and e golateit individually interastive functions of the university optimizes the fight and e golateit individually interast scofe and the administrative function of the university of the second score of the second score in the second score of the sec While it is not possible to specify a rule for every possible use or misuse of IT resources, persons to whom this policy applies are expected to act in accordance with the following examples:

Responsibility:

- Careful management and protection of your username and password; do not allow others to use your Auburn account;
- Accountability for all activity conducted under your username;
- Recognition that your access to Auburn University IT resources is for your individual activities that support the university's mission, not for commercial purposes or personal gain;
- Observation of standard security practices.

Respect for others:

- Protection of other users' privacy;
- Recognition that Auburn University IT resources are shared resources;
- Avoidance of activities that could degrade or disrupt others' usage of IT resources;
- Care to obtain explicit permission before accessing or using files or data that belong to another user;
- Special care to avoid activity that is or could be perceived as intimidating, harassing or threatening.

Professional action:

- Compliance with State and Federal laws and Auburn University policy—this includes such laws as HIPAA, FERPA, Gramm Leach Bliley Act, DMCA (Digital Millennium Copyright Act), US copyright laws, and policies regarding the protection of data;
- Accurate presentation of your identity in electronic communications and other network traffic;
- Use of IT resources to support the university's mission;
- Maintenance of current security updates and software patches on devices for which you are responsible.

Auburn University network connections may be monitored in accordance with the Auburn University Electronic Privacy Policy.

VIII. <u>SANCTIONS</u>

Violations of this policy may result in actions ranging from warnings to loss of access to Auburn University IT resources.

Failure or refusal to comply with this policy may result in discipline up to and including dismissal.

IX. EXCLUSIONS

None.

X. INTERPRETATION

The Auburn University Chief Information Officer has the authority to interpret this policy.