07.100.08 ABUSING, DAMAGING, OR DESTROYING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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I. Purpose

A. Users are encouraged to make use of the University’s computing and communication resources in pursuit of legitimate activities that further the educational, research, administrative, and service mission of the institution. However, users must also be aware of the finite capacity of computers or network systems, and of the resources required to obtain and support those resources. Such resources are shared among all members of the campus community, and it is in the interest of all users to ensure the proper functioning, availability, and performance of computing and communication systems and networks. Damaging, abusing, or in other ways destroying or interfering with the successful operation of electronic computing and communication resources is forbidden. Users must take care not to engage in activities that, without proper authorization:

1. Overload the computing systems and networks, such as excessive use of processor time, data storage, or bandwidth, or activities which otherwise impair or negatively impact performance and availability;

2. Interfere with, disable, damage, obstruct, or in similar manner impede the normal function and accessibility of computer or communication systems, or computer data, files and other information;

3. Waste or hoard computer or network resources in ways that interfere with the operation of the system or its availability to others;

4. Attempt the unauthorized connection, removal or modification of computer or communication devices;
5. In any way physically abuse, damage, or destroy computing or communication systems, data, or facilities;

6. Disseminating or launching any executable program designed to damage systems or data, or place excessive load on a computer or network affecting its performance or availability.