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POLICY CONCERNS PRESENTATION

5/5/2025

TASK

- Brenda Anderson asked our committee to review policies that had recently been enacted by Campus administration.
 - [*Responsible use of online resources*](#)
 - [*Policy on Data and Data Access*](#)
 - [*Posters/Flyers Policy*](#)
 - [*https://www.stonybrook.edu/policy/_pdf/information_security_program_administration_policy.pdf*](https://www.stonybrook.edu/policy/_pdf/information_security_program_administration_policy.pdf)
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RESPONSIBLE USE OF ONLINE RESOURCES

p.1 "Except for any privilege or confidentiality recognized by law, individuals have no legitimate expectation of privacy during any use of the University's IT resources or in any data contained in those resources."

Members of the committee found this statement to be broad and wondered if there were, indeed, limits to this and if there was recourse or protections for an employee if these data were used against them.

Administration response: As noted in the policy, the limits include information that is subject to any privilege or confidentiality recognized by law. This may include, for example, protected health information. Any recourse available would depend upon factors such as the nature of the data and the way in which it was used.



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p. 2 "without user consent."

Members of the committee had issues with this statement (although conceding that it was probably standard language). Questions did arise, such as if and/or when the user would be informed of examination of their materials and how they would be informed.

Administration response: Whether the University informs a user of its decision to examine materials depends upon the circumstances necessitating the examination. The policy identifies a non-exhaustive list of reasons that the University may exercise its rights, and different considerations and legal obligations apply to whether a user can and should be informed.

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p.2 - "does not incur more than minimal costs to the University";

Members were interested in getting a clearer definition of minimal costs.

Administration response: The determination of what constitutes “minimal cost” is not fixed by a specific dollar amount, but depends on the context and impact. Costs to the University may come in several forms, e.g., charges for data usage and storage, and the cost of an employee’s time engaged in personal, non-work-related tasks.

POLICY ON DATA AND DATA ACCESS

Committee members requested a tighter and clearer definition of "**University Data**"

Does “university data” include emails and outside-sponsored research?

We have asked for further clarification on the distinction between data by this definition and NY state law which says faculty own their own course material.



POSTING INFORMATION: POSTERS/FLYERS POLICY

p. 1

- The policy mentions authorization, but it is not clear if authorization is needed for the flyer or for the event.
- The policy is unclear as to who authorizes the posters/flyers/events.
- A clear chain of command would be helpful.