

1901.2 - Use of Computer and Network Facilities

Purpose:

This policy requires the proper use of Bismarck State College computing and networking resources and infrastructure.

Policy:

Individuals who use Bismarck State College (BSC) computing and networking resources assume the responsibility to use the resources in an appropriate manner. Misuse of computing and networking resources is considered a violation of the campus computing policy and regulations. Individuals must respect the rights of other users, respect the integrity of the systems and related physical resources, observe all relevant laws, regulations, and contractual obligations.

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Violation of this policy may be subject to discipline, which may include loss of computer and network privileges.

Definitions:

Authorized use:

Use of computing and networking resources shall be limited to those resources and purposes for which access is granted. Use for political purposes is prohibited (see Section 39-01-04 of the ND Century Code). Use for private gain or other personal use not related to job duties or academic pursuits is prohibited, unless such use is expressly authorized under governing institution or system procedures, or, when not expressly authorized, such use is incidental to job duties or limited in time and scope, and such use does not: (1) interfere with NDUS operation of information technologies or electronic mail services; (2) burden the NDUS with incremental costs; or (3) interfere with the user's obligations to the institution or NDUS.

Authorized user(s):

Computing and networking resources are provided to support the academic research, instructional, outreach and administrative objectives of the NDUS and its institutions. These resources are extended to accomplish tasks related to the individual's status with NDUS or its institutions. Authorized users are (1) current faculty, staff and students of the North Dakota University System; (2) individuals connecting to a public information service (see section 5.3); and (3) other individuals or organizations specifically authorized by the NDUS or an NDUS institution. For the purposes of this policy, no attempt is made to differentiate among users by

the user's group. These policies treat all users similarly, whether student, faculty, staff or other authorized user, in terms of expectations of the user's conduct.”

References:

North Dakota University System (NDUS) Procedure 1901.2, Computer and Network Usage, contains specific policies, procedures, rights, and responsibilities which also apply to BSC. This policy is in addition to NDUS Procedure 1901.2, Computer and Network Usage, and references the definitions of “Authorized Use” and “Authorized Users” from section 1 of NDUS Procedure 1901.2, Computer and Network Usage:

History of This Policy:

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